


Prepayments can be made online through MySchoolBucks to add money to your student's account.

## Methods of Payment

The Food and Nutrition Services department will accept payments for school meals in the form of cash or check at the lunch register, or prepay with Visa®, MasterCard®, or Discover®, online through [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com).

Buckeye Union School  
District

# School Meal Charge Process



## The Collection Process

If a student's meal charges exceeds the amount available in the school meal account, the department of Food and Nutrition Services will commence the following process:

Each time the student comes through the line an automated email will be generated notifying you of the negative balance. Food Service Staff will give a gentle reminder to students when balances are low and when they are charging. A letter regarding the negative balance will be mailed each quarter until the amount in full has been collected.



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Created with the following goals in mind:

- To establish a consistent process for the district regarding payment of school meals
- To be respectful and always provide equal opportunity for all students
- To maintain the financial integrity and monetary responsibility of school nutrition programs

Food & Nutrition Services



## The Food and Nutrition Services department recognizes the relationship between nutrition, health, and learning.

In accordance with state and federal law BUSD adopts this Credit/Charge Meal Process to establish school district procedures and ensure that all employees, families and students the district share an understanding of expectations regarding meal charges.

This policy allows students to receive the nutrition they need for the school day, prevents overt identification of students with insufficient funds to pay for school meals, and maintains the financial integrity of the nonprofit school nutrition program.

### Apply for FREE or REDUCED School Meals

If you think you may qualify or if you have any changes to your income during the school year, you may apply at: <http://buckeyecafe.org>

Hard copy applications are available at the Food Service Office. You will be responsible for all meal charges until your application has been approved. You will be notified via letter and /or email of your approval (or non approval) for the school meal program once your application has been processed.

### Students with Free Meal Status

- The federal school lunch program allows a qualifying student to receive a FREE reimbursable meal each day.
- A student that qualifies for FREE meals will never be denied a reimbursable meal, even if they have accrued charges from previous purchases.
- The parents/guardians of a student who accrues meal charges before they qualify for FREE meals, are still responsible for those charges.

### Students with Reduced Price Meal Status

- The federal school meal program allows a qualifying student to receive a reimbursable meal for a reduced price. The price for reduced breakfast is \$ .30, and reduced price lunch is \$ .40.
- A student that qualifies for a REDUCED meal shall never be denied a reimbursable meal, despite whether or not they have accrued a balance from earlier purchases.
- The parents/guardians of a student who accrues meal charges before they qualify for a REDUCED lunch, are still responsible for those charges.

No Ala Carte items are allowed to be charged.



### Students Who Pay Full Price For Meals

- Prices for school meals are set by the Buckeye Union School District School Board in accordance with California state and federal regulations.
- K-8 Students who pay for their meals may charge a reimbursable meal if they did not bring a lunch or money to purchase one. The parent/guardian is responsible for all meals charged.
- Parents/guardians are encouraged to set up low-balance reminders at MySchoolBucks.com regardless of whether they pay online or not.



### Meal Prices

Breakfast: \$1.75

Lunch: Elementary.....\$3.00

Middle:.....\$3.00