

# MVUSD MEAL CHARGE POLICY

The Board of Education recognizes that adequate nutrition is essential to child development and learning and that some families may be unable to provide breakfast and lunch for their children. In accordance with law, the District shall provide free and reduced price meals for student whole families meet federal eligibility criteria (BP 3553).

The MVUSD Nutrition Services offers a nourishing breakfast and lunch at all school sites. MVUSD provides a Universal NO CHARGE(free) BREAKFAST to all enrolled TK – 12 students. The Free and Reduced Lunch Program is an ongoing effort by the District to provide well-balanced meals to students.

To receive free or reduced price meals for your child or children, complete the 2018 – 19 Meal Application for Free and Reduced Price Meals and return it to the Registration Center, school site or Nutrition Services Office. The 2018 – 19 Meal Application online version can also be completed starting July 1, 2018 at <https://onlinemealapps.mvUSD.net/>.

The NUTRITION SERVICES OFFICE is located at 13911 Perris Boulevard, Moreno Valley CA 92553. The office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

**Allow ten working days for processing of your meal application. Parent/Guardians will receive an eligibility notification letter when your application has been processed. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide money or sack lunches for their child/children until meal application has been processed and eligibility determined.**

## PUPIL MEALS: NO CHILD HUNGRY AND FAIR TREATMENT ACT OF 2017 (SB – 250)

Students who present for Lunch meal service and do not have funds to cover the meal will be permitted to charge the cost of a full meal to their account creating a negative balance. A negative balance occurs when a student owes money for a meal that has not been paid for OR there are insufficient funds to cover the entire cost of the meal.

According to the Federal OMB A-87 Circular Appendix B part 5, the Child Nutrition Program is not allowed to use federal funds to offset meal charges to students, therefore, note the following:

- **Parents/Guardians are responsible for payment of all charged meals regardless of subsequent change in meal status (free or reduced).**
- **Money for charged meals is due and payable upon notification. Charges may be paid at the school cafeteria. For your convenience you may make online payments to [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com).**
- Nutrition Services staff will inform students at the “point of sale” when the balance on their account approaches zero to remind students that they need to bring money to avoid a negative balance.
- Parents will be notified electronically (email or text) and phone call via district ‘Parent Call System’ and paper notifications via “student backpack” of student negative meal charges equal to or greater than -.50 cents.
- Students may not go into a negative balance for a la-cart items.
- Staff/Adults will not be permitted to accrue negative balances greater than \$10.00/per person. All negative charges must be cleared no later than the end of the same school year.