



Nutrition Services Department
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Student Meal Charge Policy

Red Clay School Nutrition Services is committed to providing nutritious school meals to students at a low cost.

Payment for Student Meals: To assist for easy payment of meals, we offer PayPams, which allows you to pre-pay for your child's meals. You can also bring money personally or send it in with your student. Please place cash or checks in an envelope marked clearly with your student's name, their ID number, teacher's name, the amount and the check number. Turn in prepaid deposits to the cafeteria cashier(s) or school office.

Note: Schools participating in Community Eligibility Provision receive free breakfast and lunch daily (does not include snacks). Red Clay no longer charges for reduced price meals, if a student qualifies for reduced price meals, breakfast and lunch are free of charge.

Meal Charges:

We do understand that sometimes life gets busy and your child's account may get depleted before you or your child realizes they need to replenish his/her account. Keeping that in mind, our program does permit meals to be charged temporarily to allow time to send in payment. Our meal charge policy is as follows by grade level:

Elementary Students

- Students without money for meals will be able to select the reimbursable meal of their choice and the student's account will be debited for the amount owed.
- No Snacks or "a la carte" purchases will be allowed with a negative balance on an account.
- Negative Balance letters will be sent home with students to notify parents/guardians on a weekly basis, and balances may always be checked directly through PayPams.
- Accounts with a balances greater than \$25.00 will receive a school-messenger phone call alert to the phone number on file at Red Clay.

Middle and High School Students

- Account balances greater than \$8.00 will be given a cheese sandwich, two fruits, two vegetables, and a milk and will be unable to choose from all the selections for lunch or breakfast until the account is in good standing. *Students with allergies are exempt*
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