

# Scotts Valley Unified School District Food Service Department Charging Meal Policy

# **Charging Meals Policy**

The Scotts Valley Unified School District has a pre-paid meal system. Parents/guardians are encourage to deposit money into their student's account, before the beginning of the school year. Payments can be made using the online system at www.myscholbucks.com or using the MySchoolBucks App. Cash and check payments are accepted at each school site. Parents are responsible to ensure that there is money in their student's lunch account. Notices of negative balances are sent to parents/guardians once a week.

# MySchoolBucks App and charging meals:

MySchoolBucks app is an easy way to manage the student's account. Parents can make payments, view account balances, meal purchases, schedule automatic payments and sign up for low balance email alerts. The Food Services allows meal charges up to a total of \$7.00. Students are not allowed to charge a la carte items. The Scotts Valley Unified School District Child Nutrition Services believes that students should eat to learn. With this in mind, The Child Nutrition Services provides an alternative meal. Alternative meals will be served until sufficient funds are received for continued meal service.

### **Collection of unpaid meal charges:**

Parent/Guardians will be notified in writing, if a student's meal account has an unpaid balance. Unpaid balances are due within 10 days from the date of the notice.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to clear your child's negative meal account. After the \$7.00 charge limit is reached, students will be provided the alternate meal until the account is cleared.

# **Alternative meal information:**

High School and Middle School alternative Meal List: Grilled Cheese, Fruit, Vegetable and Milk. Elementary School alternative Meal List: Salad Bar, Fruit and Milk. The alternative meal is not-reimbursable. If there is a food service Student Emergency Lunch Account Fund in place, the food services will use the account to cover the Alternative Meal Cost. The Emergency Lunch Account is funded by donations.

# **Evaluate individual circumstances:**

Scotts Valley Unified School District Food and Child Nutrition Department acknowledges the importance for our students to have access to healthy meals during the school day. The Food and Child Nutrition Department understands that if there are students that repeatedly come to school without a meal from home, or money to participate in the school meal program, the school administrator will provide information to the parents/guardians about free and reduced school meal program. Free and Reduced meal applications are available online at <a href="https://scottsvalleyusd.strataaps.com">https://scottsvalleyusd.strataaps.com</a> or at the school site office. For more information about the School Lunch Program contact the Child Nutrition Department at (831) 430-0683.

# Scotts Valley Unified School District Food Service Department Meal Prices

Regular Meals	Lunch	Breakfast
Elementary Schools	\$3.50	\$2.50
Middle School	\$3.50	\$2.50
High School	\$3.50	\$2.50
Reduced price Students (All Grades)	\$0.40	\$0.30
Adults Meals	\$4.00	\$3.00

All meals include main entree, juice, fruit, vegetable and milk. If a student request a second meal, it's sold for \$3.50 to all students.

**Method of Payment** 

Method of Payment	Cash or Check	
Make check payable to:	Food Service Department	
Check instructions:	Write the student's name and student's ID	
	number in the memo section of the check	
	Food Service Department	
	555 Glenwood Drive	
	Scotts Valley CA, 95066	
Mail check to:	Or	
	Send the check or cash payment to the	
	school site with your student	
Use our online Meal Payment	www.myschoolbucks.com	
System:	or	
	Download our free App Myschoolbucks	

# **Full paid students:**

Must prepay or pay cash at the register for all meals and a la carte purchases. When a student's account balance reaches zero, no a la carte items will be sold to the student.

### **Free Meal Benefit:**

Free status students will be allowed to receive a free breakfast and lunch, each day. All a la carte purchases must be prepaid. When student's account balance reaches zero, no a la carte items will be sold to the student.

# **Reduced Meal Benefit:**

Reduced status students will be allowed to receive a breakfast for \$.30 and lunch for \$.40 each day. When a student's account balance reaches zero, no a la carte items will be sold to the student.

# **Second Meals:**

Any meal purchased in addition to the first meal, is non-reimbursable. If a student wishes to purchase an additional meal, \$3.50 will be charge to the student account.

# **Replacement Meals:**

The site manager can replace a dropped meal at manager's discretion.

# **Adult Meals:**

All adult meals will be recorded in the point of sale system.

# **Grab N Go Meals:**

Grab N Go is a complete lunch Meal. The lunch includes all of the meal components.

The components for a reimbursable meal are as follows:

Grains

Protein

Fruit

Vegetable

Dairy

For more information about our meal policy, please contact the Child Nutrition Department at (831) 430-0683.