

West Central's Cafeteria Meal Charge Policy

Program requirements prohibit schools from denying meals for:

- disciplinary reasons
- past unpaid charges if the child has money in hand for today's meal
- free students regardless of any other charges at school

We do not want to deny students a meal, but in the financial standpoint we cannot let students go without paying for their meals.

K-5 Grade Students can charge **no more than 3** lunch meals, after the third meal is charged, you must send money to pay the charges or send meals from home with your child. During this time they are not allowed a breakfast unless they have money to put into their account that day.

The cafeteria will provide a minimal lunch consisting of a cheese sandwich and applesauce to any student that exceeds the charge limit.

Every effort is made to get notifications home to the parents/guardians when the student is getting low on funds. The cashier sends a note home on a daily basis once the account gets to \$2.00 to help avoid the lapse in time to get the money to the cafeteria.

If at any time your household goes through a financial change, please fill out an assistance application which can be found on the school website.

If you would like to track your child's account you can do that using the student's school ID number. Visit the school website and look for the online payment tab. You DO NOT need to put money in online to use this tool.

6-12 Grade No charges allowed, but students are asked to find a friend to buy their lunch and then pay them back when they get money on their account. During this time they are not allowed a breakfast unless they have money to put into their account that day.

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If you have any questions please call Jessica Murray, Foodservice Director, at 219-567-9119.

