

**SCHOOL CAFETERIA CHARGING**

The Hampton Falls School Board believes healthy meals support the educational mission of Lincoln Akerman School. It also believes it is the responsibility of the parents to maintain a positive balance within their child's school cafeteria debit account. In recognition of occurrences when an account may fall into a negative balance, to ensure students do not go hungry and to minimize the fiscal burden on the district, the board requires the school administration and School Nutrition Director develop a set of procedures, consistent with state and federal expectations, for managing a negative balance. Further, the board requires these procedures be published annually for all families. (see Policy EFD-R)

This policy applies to all paying students and/or staff whether they are paying full price or reduced price.

The school district shall notify all parents/guardians on an annual basis of the requirements of this policy.

Parents/guardians who claim the financial conditions of their families are such that they cannot afford to pay for the cost of their children's meals shall be invited to submit an application for free or reduced meals in accordance with federal regulations.

The School Nutrition program operates as a debit system, similar to a checking account. All food items may be paid for daily or in advance. Parents/guardians are encouraged to prepay for their child's meals and maintain a positive balance in their cafeteria account. Staff are also encouraged to prepay for their meals in order to maintain a positive balance in their cafeteria account.

The District does not allow the delivery of food or beverages from outside vendors or fast food establishments for a student's breakfast or lunch meal. All meals are to be provided by the School District's School Nutrition Program or a prepared meal from home may be sent with your student.

The Superintendent, or designee, shall be expected to protect the taxpayers of the District by making every effort to collect all school nutrition related charges due the District. Should the school nutrition program have outstanding debt at the conclusion of the school year, or if the program is running in a deficit balance, the school district's general fund will reimburse the program.

Legal References

- Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 USC 1779)*
- National School Lunch Act (42 USC 1758)*
- Food and Nutrition Programs RSA 189:11-a*

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