

Unpaid Meal Charges

Any student coming through the cafeteria line that does not have sufficient funds in hand or on his/her account is permitted to receive a full reimbursable meal of choice. However, students whose meal account has insufficient funds of any amount will not be allowed to purchase à la carte items until the account is brought current.

The student is allowed to reach a negative balance of no more than -\$15.00. The Food Service Office will notify each Cafeteria Manager and Building Principal when a student has reached -\$15.00. Also, a Federal Free and Reduced Meal Application will be issued to the parent/guardian.

The Food Service Secretary will run a daily meal balance report by building indicating who has received a meal with insufficient funds in their account. The Food Service Office communicates weekly to parents/guardians if their student(s) have a negative balance and if the student's account reaches -\$15.00.

Upon reaching a balance of more than -\$15.00, the student is provided an alternate Bread and Cheese Sandwich meal (that still meets the reimbursable standard for a complete meal). The cashier will charge a Bread and Cheese meal on the register which then allows the district to claim a reimbursable paid meal for that student but only charges him/her \$1.00 (or \$0.25 for students on Reduced Lunch) instead of the regular price. The student will continue to receive an alternate meal until the account is paid.

Students who are on the federal Free Meal Program are still responsible for paying off any debt that is on their account.

The Olmsted Falls School District encourages each parent/guardian who uses the EZPay system to set up a low balance alert that will come directly to the parent/guardian via email notifying them of a low balance on the cafeteria account. Each parent/guardian can set their own low balance dollar amount indicating when the reminder would be sent.