Diocese of Covington

School Lunch Program

Charging Policy for School Meals and/or Milk

The purpose of this policy is to ensure compliance with federal reporting requirements for the Child Nutritional Program and to provide oversight and accountability for the collection of outstanding student meal balances.

Students may pay for meals in advance, at the time of purchase, or make electronic payments. The student charging policy at the Diocese of Covington Schools is a five-meal maximum, not to exceed $20.00. Students will be served and charged for an alternate meal when they accrue an unpaid balance in excess of the $20.00 limit. The cafeteria manager shall provide parents written notice when their child owes money to the cafeteria for meals.

Adults may not charge meals, ala carte or beverage items and are encouraged to create an online meal payment account via myschoolbucks.com.

Our school cafeteria utilizes a computerized point of sale/cash register system that maintains a record of all monies deposited and spent for each student and adult. All account holders have access to this record at myschoolbucks.com. Each school shall inform the parents that meals can be paid in advance and that the balances may be maintained in their child's account to minimize the possibility that a child is without meal money on any given day. If a student is without meal money on a consistent basis, the manager and/or Food Service Director will investigate the situation more closely, including contacting the parent/guardian about applying for free/reduce priced meals.

This policy's provisions pertain to regular school lunch and breakfast meals only, **no ala carte items, or milk can be charged.** Federal policy prohibits the withholding of meals from a child as a form of discipline.

Legal Reference: 7 CFR 210

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