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# PROCEDURE FOR THE COLLECTION AND PAYMENT FOR CHARGED MEALS

It is the responsibility of the parents to provide for lunch for their children while at school. However, it is important to provide that children receive the nutrition they need to stay focused during the school day. This procedure shall apply in the event that a child neither has a lunch nor the funds to purchase a lunch.

## **Payments/Purchases**

Student meal payments and purchases are set up in a family account. Payments are to be made to your child/rens account, and purchases made from it. This is not a credit system. Following State of Michigan recommendations, credit may be limited to three (3) meals per child. Meals may be replaced if lunch balances reach this amount. There will be a ten dollar (\$10) fee assessed for all checks returned from the bank. This will be deducted from the meal account. There will be no credit extended for second meals of Ala Carte items. Secondary students may check balances daily in the cafeteria. Parents may view detailed statements and receive e-mail notification through the on-line Family Access Program.

## **Student Identification**

Student will receive PINs at the beginning of the school year. These PINs are required to purchase a meal.

## **Replacing or Denying Meals**

Replacement meals may be offered to a student if a family account has exceeded credit of three (3) meals per student. In these cases a substitute meal will be offered. Please keep your family's account current to avoid this situation.

A student's parents will be notified of the delinquency in the student's account each time it is necessary for the student to charge a meal to give the parents time to send a check or cash to school with their child, to the school office or lunch room.

Parents may also pay for school meals via the Internet through the Skyward Family Access.

At the discretion of each Principal, a school or private service fund may be established to pay for student's charged meals, rather than to offer the alternative meal. The Nutrition Services Manager will work with each Principal and/or counselor to determine a payment schedule for these meals

## **Mission Statement**

With an exemplary staff and rigorous curriculum, our mission is to maximize the academic potential of every child. (Adopted 1/28/2013)