



Child Nutrition Services News

Cafeteria Meal Charge Policy

Parents / Guardians are responsible for payment of their student(s) school meals. The USDA *Application for Free and Reduced-Price Meals* is provided to each student in their First-Day Packet at non CEP (*Community Eligibility Provision*) schools, or an application can be filled out on-line. Completed applications must be returned to their respective school site as soon as possible. It may take up to ten working days to process an application.

Any charges incurred while a student's application is being processed are the responsibility of the parents / guardians.

Child Nutrition Services will make every effort to assess if students who owe debt are eligible for meal benefits based on welfare benefits such as: CalWORKS, CalFresh, Medi-Cal; or if migrant, transitional or in foster care. Or by household matching to identify if a sibling is receiving meal benefits and then extending the benefits to them. (LUSD AR 3551)

Students may charge meals in the event that they forgot their money or lunch. Parents/guardians will be notified within 10 days of a negative balance on their child/children's meal account. (LUSD AR 3551)

Unpaid and Delinquent Meal Charges Twice a month a phone message and text message (English or Spanish) will go out to the parent / guardian of students with debt that is \$5 or more, and will continue to go out twice a month. A debt letter will be sent to parents / guardians who were unable to be contacted by phone.

The Principal of each school will receive a debt list of all students who have accrued \$5 or more of meal debt. The Principal or designee may contact parents / guardians to discuss reasons for the nonpayment and evaluate individual circumstances to determine if the student's parents/guardians need assistance completing an application for free or reduced-price meals or need referral to social services. (LUSD AR 3551)

Meal Prepayment Options and Notification of Low Balances Prepaying for meals in advance is easy at LUSD and helps meal lines go faster so students have more time to enjoy their meals and socialize.

If you have any questions, contact Child Nutrition Services at (805) 742-3353.



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- ② Scroll down on the left side and click on **My School Bucks - Online Lunch Payment**
- ③ Log in or create an account