

## Frisco Independent School District Unpaid Meal Charge Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish consistent meal account procedures throughout the Frisco Independent School District. Pursuant to State and Federal Regulations all Child Nutrition Programs on the National School Lunch Program are required to "break even" at the close of each school year. The goals of this policy will ensure the completion of this goal on an annual basis.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to sign up at <u>School Cafe</u> where they can monitor and manage their student's meal account. Benefits include:

- Low-balance email alerts
- Monitor account balance and meal transactions (no payment necessary to access this feature)
- Set up automatic payments
- Pay online:
  - O Debit and credit card convenience fee of only **3.5%** (\$.**70** for a \$20 payment)
  - No convenience fee for electronic checks

Cash or check payments are accepted at the school cafeteria. Free and reduced meal applications are available at every campus and online at <u>School Cafe</u>.

## **Elementary**

Students with no money in their account will be allowed a grace-period to charge a **complete** meal (must include a fruit or vegetable) up to \$14.25 (3 breakfasts & lunches) for full pay students. This will allow time for parents to make a deposit in the student's account or set-up a payment plan if necessary. Students may **not** charge any a la carte items if account is negative. After charging \$9.50 parents will be notified by the café supervisor along with an automated call. **After the student reaches the maximum charge limit, the student will receive and be charged for courtesy meals**.

## Middle School

Students with no money in their account will be allowed a grace-period to charge a **complete** meal (must include a fruit or vegetable) up to \$17.25 for full pay students. This will allow time for parents to make a deposit in the student's account or set-up a payment plan if necessary. Students may **not** charge any a la carte items if account is negative. **After the student reaches the maximum charge limit, the student will receive and be charged for courtesy meals.** 

Please note charge policy change for High School students

## **High School**

Students with no money in their account will be allowed a grace-period to charge a **complete** meal (must include a fruit or vegetable) up to \$17.25 for full pay students. This will allow time for parents to make a deposit in the student's account or set-up a payment plan if necessary. Students may **not** charge any a la carte items if account is negative. **After the student reaches the maximum charge limit, the student will need to make all purchases with cash or check until their negative balance is paid.** 

All balances will be carried over to the next school year. If you need to discuss a payment plan option, contact FISD Child Nutrition friscocafe@friscoisd.org.

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