

Business and Instructional Support Operations
STUDENT NUTRITION SERVICES CHARGE POLICY

AR 3550

~~(KPBSD Proposed charge policy)~~

To ensure that all students have access to healthy school meals and to be good financial stewards, KPBSD Student Nutrition has instituted a charge policy. This policy has as its guiding principle the belief that every student deserves a nutritious meal but that ultimately it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to provide one unless the family qualifies for the free lunch program. To that end the charge policy is as follows:

~~**At all schools and all grade levels K-8 schools:** The Student Nutrition department will extend credit to students without lunch or meal money for up to two complete breakfast/lunch meals. If funds are not received after two meal charges and the student account has no money, the student will be asked to go to the school office or administrator will to call his/her the student's parent for direction before any each meal subsequently meals are charged. No a la carte items or second meals may be charged. -A la carte purchases may not be made with cash until the negative balance is repaid.~~

~~**High School students:** Student Nutrition will extend credit to students without lunch or lunch money for 2 lunch meals after which no charges will be allowed until negative balance repaid. No ala carte items or second meals may be charged. Ala carte purchases may not be made with cash until the negative balance is repaid.~~

Adults/Teachers: Charges will not be allowed for a la carte or meal items.

Collection Procedures: Charges will be applied to a special PTO meal account at each school. Money received from a parent/student with an outstanding charge will be applied toward the meal PTO account first with and the balance remaining being will be applied to the student's account. Remaining funds and outstanding charges will be carried over to the following school year.

Parents/Guardians: It is ultimately the parent/guardian responsibility to monitor their student's account and be proactive in replenishing funds as needed.

Student Nutrition encourages parents to prepay for meals and put money on their child's account at <https://kpbsd.revtrak.net/Food-Service-Payments/>. Money will be accepted at a student's school office or kitchen, preferably in the morning, to allow funds to be applied to the student's account before the meal period.

Options available to parents on Power-Schools: Sign up for automatic emails

Commented [NB1]: August 7 – Dianne B, we need something in policy re: charging lunch. We don't have to allow it, but need to have something in writing

Commented [DT2]: 9/11 work session and business meeting, Board does not want a limit on number of meals a student may charge. All students will be fed regardless of account balance.

Commented [NB3]: Aug 7 – ST – things should be held at office level, not the student level. Can see who is having issues
DC – could see if students qualify for free reduce, SIT
How much in arears?
DB - \$2,000 from FY17
ST – would like to have conversation with other admins.
DC – would like to take out student involvement

Commented [DT4]: LH wants assurance that students will never be denied a meal
DC and ZK agreed that intent is for all students to eat always. Not a significant cost to district.
DJ admin makes call after 2nd charge but student always fed regardless of account balance. 2 meals is the trigger for call home.
MI agrees with ZK and DC. Add students will be provided a meal.
DC ZK move to change language at approval time at evening's meeting.
TN policy should not encourage ability to ignore charge balance.
DC OCS call for chronic charging of lunch.

Commented [NB5]: Aug 7 - JK – question about breakfast?
Dianne – do you want to have High School cut off at 2?
DC – making a kid call home every day if balance. Wanted to see USDA requiring us to have policy
DJ – when we get audited, could be financial repercussions
DC – same procedure? JK, keep the same
Need to change language for pre-K?
DC – long term issue, if student habitually show up with no lunch
JK – would rather have admins deal with that, than in writing
DB – do send applications out to families

Commented [NB6]: August 7 – JK - PTO – just say 710 account? Historically this is what we've done. PTO funds are set up at the school level.
MI – what if no active PTO at the school?
DJ – principals make sure somebody covers it, so kids don't go without lunch.
ST – he gets a report from PS, he will send email

1. *Preferences > Email Notification > Check "Balance Alert"*
2. *Simply view the Lunch Planner screen to see the Current Balance and transaction history*

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Adoption Date: _____