

MEAL CHARGING POLICY

Breakfast is served every school day with a few exceptions. Lunch is served every school day except when there is an early dismissal. A student may bring a sack lunch from home or may purchase a school breakfast/lunch. Middle School and High School students have access to Ala Carte items that are only allowed to be purchased if the students account has a positive balance.

If a student's account does not have the necessary funds for a meal they will not be refused food; in this case the menued meal will be provided and charged to the students account. No Ala Carte or additional items can be charged to the account. Parents can communicate to the Food Service department that a note be applied to the students account if they would like other arrangements made. Please contact the Food Service department at foodservice@fruitportschools.net if you have any questions.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCHES

The school participates in the National School Lunch Program and makes lunches available to students for a fee.

Free or reduced price meals are available for qualifying students. Applications for the School's Free and Reduced Priced Meal Program are distributed to all students. If a student believes that she/he is eligible, or If you have a change in financial circumstances anytime during the school year, please contact the office and a form will be sent home with your child(ren). Our Title 1 Financial Aid is based upon the Free and Reduced lunch and milk count, so we need to have every eligible student included in our accounting. We encourage all families to fill out a Free and Reduced Lunch Form. Contact the Student Services office or **fill out an application online at <https://elink.fruitportschools.net>**.

LOW/NEGATIVE BALANCES

Upon enrollment students are provided a meal account. Emails are automatically sent once the student account is under \$5.00, and a letter will be sent to the address on file periodically throughout the school year. Parents can stop the emails at any time; if desired please email foodservice@fruitportschools.net to request removal.

PAYMENT ON MEAL ACCOUNTS

Money can be deposited to a students account through a few different options. A check or cash can be sent with the student, or dropped off at the school office to be deposited. Please make checks payable to Fruitport Food Service, and include the student's full name and school in "notes" line of the check. Another option available is our E-link.

E-link is our online account system that allows parents to view student accounts from any computer. You can sign up for “E-link” by emailing us at: foodservice@fruitportschools.net. Please include your student's name in the requesting email. It is your responsibility to regularly check your child's account balance to ensure that they have money in the account. E-link is located on the Food Service webpage or <https://elink.fruitportschools.net>.

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

Specific dietary restrictions can be communicated to the school by filling out the “Medical Statement to Request Special Meals and/or Accommodations” form found on the Food Service website.

Cross References: Policy Manual, Section 8000 Operations, Code(s) po8500-po8531