

Food Service Policy

USD 325 believes that good nutrition is vitally important for helping children grow a strong body and mind, establish healthy lifetime eating habits and succeed in school. USD 325 School Food Service Department offers balanced and nutritious meals at a reasonable price for its students

The district participates in the Child Nutrition Program. Two popular programs, National School Lunch and School Breakfast, help qualifying parents/guardians by providing free and reduced-priced meals for students. Applications are available for each household at enrollment and are also available from the building secretaries. Federal requirements dictate that a new application be completed every school year (see application for details).

Meal Charge Policy

Students of USD 325 are required to pay for meals in advance. Payments will be accepted at each building in the district. Each student will have a meal account where advance payments will be posted. When a student's meal account balance falls below \$10.00, parents/guardians can be notified via e-mail by signing up for notification through PowerSchool. As balances fall, verbal reminders are given to middle and high school students, and written reminders are given to elementary school students to take home. Parents are notified when balances are negative.

If a student's meal account balance becomes negative \$20.00, the parent/guardian must provide breakfast and a sack lunch from home until there is a positive balance in the student's meal account, or the student must pay for that day's meal. Parents/guardians are encouraged to setup a payment plan and/or apply for free or reduced-priced meals if their household income decreases. Applications are available from the building secretaries.

If an elementary or middle school student does not have a sack lunch from home and has a negative balance, the student will be provided with a sack lunch consisting of a cold cheese sandwich, fruit, vegetable, and milk. The sack lunch will be available for pick up in the office before lunch. The student's meal account will be charged for the sack lunch provided.