



Forest Lake ISD Nutrition Services MEAL CHARGING POLICY

Forest Lake Nutrition Services strives to ensure that all meals are healthy, well balanced and provide students the nutrition they need to succeed at school. Unpaid meal charges place a financial burden on the Nutrition Services Department. This policy is to ensure compliance with federal reporting requirements for the USDA Child Nutrition Program, and to provide oversight and accountability for the collection of outstanding meal balances.

This policy pertains to regular priced school breakfast and lunch meals. The USDA does not require that a student who pays for regular priced meals be served a meal without payment. Please help in our effort to maintain positive student meal account balances. Parents/Guardians are responsible for meal payment to the nutrition services program.

As students enter their Personal Identification Number (PIN), daily verbal reminders will be shared with students when their balance drops below \$5. Parents will receive weekly phone calls and /or e-mails if their child has a negative account balance. In addition, students at the elementary level will receive low balance notices in their parent folder weekly. If a student has a negative balance, they will be offered reimbursable meals.

Parents can make payments, monitor account balances, and request low balance e-mail notifications online at www.paypams.com.

Ala Carte and concession purchases will not be allowed without sufficient funds in the students' meal accounts.

Free and reduced meal eligibility must be renewed each school year.

If you believe your family's income may be within the guidelines for the Free and Reduced Meal Program apply online at forestlakeschoolfs.com. Paper applications are also available at all school kitchens and offices, the District Office and the Nutrition Services office throughout the year.

If a student is without meal money on a consistent basis, the administration will investigate the situation more closely and take further action as needed. If financial hardship exists, parents and families are encouraged to apply for free or reduced meal prices.