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Meal Charges

The Food and Nutrition Services Department understands that in the morning rush your child may leave for school without his/her money for breakfast and lunch. **The following policy is in place in Non-CEP Schools:**

Elementary: Students without money will be allowed to charge up to \$6.30. Once reaching a negative balance of \$6.30, students will be offered a cheese sandwich at lunch. **

Middle Schools: Students without money will be allowed to charge up to \$7.20. **

High Schools: Students without money will be allowed to charge one meal. **

**Parents will receive notification via a phone call or written notice when their child reaches a low or negative balance and prompt payment is expected. If you feel there may be an error, please contact the school cafeteria manager or FSN supervisor.

Account Balances Carried Over from Last Year

Any money remaining on your child's account last June stays with your child to his/her new (or same) campus this year. If your child owed money at the end of the school year, prompt repayment is appreciated. Refunds at the end of the school year must be requested at least THREE weeks prior to the last day of school.

Many of our schools participate in the CEP program. Students in select schools will receive a nutritious breakfast and lunch at no cost, regardless of family income. Families will not need to fill out a meal application if their students are attending a CEP campus. No credit will be extended at any CEP school for additional food item request.

You may be required to complete a Registration Income Information form for school administrated purposes.

Please contact our child's school to find out if it qualifies in our CEP program or go to www.episd.org to find out a full list of qualifying schools.

Menus

- Available at www.episd.org. Click on Departments and then click on Food and Nutrition Service.

OR

- You may request a copy at your child's school cafeteria.

Wellness Policy

"In compliance with federal law 108-265, Child Nutrition and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Reauthorization Act of 2004, El Paso Independent School District School Board established a wellness policy that promotes student health and contributes to the reduction of childhood obesity. The components of the wellness policy include nutrition education, physical education, nutrition guidelines for all food available during the school day, and other activities that promote wellness."

Non-CEP Schools:

If your child was on free or reduced price meal eligibility in June, it will carry over to the new school year as a **TEMPORARY** status. The temporary free/reduced status will expire after 30 school days or when a new application is processed.

Each family who is currently receiving free or reduced price meals will need to submit an application. An application does not need to be completed if a Direct Certification letter has been sent for each student in your household. Applications may also be completed on line.

Please allow 10 working days for processing. Please complete and return only **ONE** application **PER FAMILY**.

The Food and Nutrition Service Department will mail a letter notifying you of your child's eligibility status once your application has been processed.

Families with children entering EPISD for the **FIRST** time will need to submit an application as soon as possible. The new student will be responsible for paying full price until an application has been processed.



A La Carte Snacks

