

## **Meal Charge Policy**

While prepayments are encouraged, students may "charge" a meal if necessary once they exhaust their prepaid funds. Each student may "charge" the equivalent of 2 days meals; for full paid students Grades 3-12 (\$7.20) and for reduced students 3- 8 grades (\$.80). A "meal" consists of at least 3 food components (meat, fruit, vegetable, grain or milk). In addition, if your child owes charges to the cafeteria, no purchases will be allowed until those charges are paid in full.

If the student exceeds the "charge limit", the alternative meal which consists of a peanut butter - jelly sandwich, and milk will be offered. Efforts will be made to notify parents of students before the alternative meal is given. If that is not possible, the alternative meal will still be offered. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure funds are available for student meals.

Once a payment is made on the student's account any charges incurred will be paid first, then the balance will be applied to the student's account.

In an effort to collect all outstanding "charges" by the end of the school year, no "charging" will be allowed the last 2 full weeks of school. Any student who does not have cash or prepaid funds to cover the cost of lunch will be offered the alternative meal.

For questions regarding the "charge policy," contact the Child Nutrition Director, Mrs. L. Mouton office at 713.748.0030