

SCHOOL MEAL CHARGING AND PAYMENT

The Berlin School District believes that no child can learn while hungry. Therefore in order to support the success of our schools, any student that is hungry and wants to eat, either breakfast or lunch, will be fed a complete, reimbursable meal, regardless of the balance of their student account. No student will be turned away, no meals will be taken away at the point of service and no student will be given an alternative meal as a result of no funds to purchase a meal.

All complete, reimbursable meals will be charged to the student account at the appropriate meal costs (Reduced Price or Paid). As an Offer versus Serve (OVS) School, our definition of a complete, reimbursable meal includes the following food components: Meat/Meat Alternate, Grain, Fruit, Vegetable, Milk. The student must take at least 3 food components, with one of the selections being either a Fruit or a Vegetable.

A la carte food items or incomplete, non-reimbursable meals will not be allowed to be purchased if a student has a negative account balance.

Payment to the students' food service accounts may be made by cash or check to the Food Service Director or at the Point of Service (register), or on-line at <http://www.sau3.org/> by registering through the link found in the Parents Tab.

It is the responsibility of each household to maintain a positive balance in their student's food service account. When the student account balance goes below \$0.00, the Business Manager will contact the household by email or letter. The Food Services Director shall also attempt to contact the household by telephone to establish a payment arrangement prior to small claims. All attempts to collect outstanding funds will be documented and collected through small claims court at the expense of the child's parents/legal guardians.

Any processing fees incurred for returned checks will be charged to the student's food service account for payment by the household.

If a student leaves the district, for any reason, their food service account will be reimbursed to the household in full.

Legal References:

A Provision of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, USDA

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