



W SCUHSD Charge Policy for Students

As of October 12, 2019, Senate Bill 265 amended Section 49557.5(b)(1) of the California Ed Code went into effect to supersede SB 205 and related Local Education Authorities charge policies. SNP-22-2019 Management Bulletin has required immediate corrections to W SCUHSD Meal Charge Policy. Revisions are reflected below

Students will be allowed to charge for one reimbursable meal during both breakfast and lunch serving periods daily regardless of the ability to pay and when account balances reflect **\$0**. Foods sold must be paid as meals charged by students is an incurred student charge on campus' and remains the responsibility of a family per Ed Code 38084 and W SCUHSD Administrative Regulation 3260(a). Families are encouraged to prepay for meals and make payments for food items regularly. No student will be allowed to charge for "a la carte" items which include smart snacks, beverages, frozen treats, and second meals. Second meals are prohibited from being charged but can be purchased for the regular meal price; **\$2.00** for breakfast and **\$3.50** for lunch.

Students eligible for free or reduce-priced meals as well as non-eligible, full pay status, students will have access to the advertised meal and any other meal option on the menu at all times from all serving areas without restriction. Students eligible for reduced price meals will be allowed to charge **\$0.30** for Breakfast and/or **\$0.40** for Lunch. Full paid students will be allowed to charge **\$2.00** for Breakfast and **\$3.50** for Lunch in the event there is an inability to pay at the time of transaction. Charged balances will remain on students' individual accounts until payment is received. Alternative meals will not be offered.

All families are encouraged to complete the current school year meal application annually which is available prior to registration and throughout the school year. Families are encouraged to prepay for meals online through www.myschoolbucks.com or in the school cafeteria with cash or check. Checks can also be mailed to the district office: W SCUHSD: Food Service, 462 Johnson Street, Sebastopol, 95472.

MySchoolBucks is secure easy to use and set up. You can choose to prepay, make payments, set up personalized notifications and payment schedule, and check student's meal account activity.

If past due balances reach -\$10.00 the student's parents/guardians will be contacted for payment via email, automated phone message, or by mail. Food Services Coordinator or designated officials will continue all delinquent charge collection practices monthly or weekly as the school year comes to a close.

Past due amounts throughout the school year can have an adverse effect on the ability to purchase tickets for school activities as a minimum. Students should pay charged amounts as soon as possible.

If meal payments are a hardship for your family, we first encourage completion of a current year Free/Reduced Price Meal Application. Please refer additional questions or concerns to Ryanesha Warren, Food Service Coordinator at 707-824-6419.

FOR SENIORS WITH PAST DUE BALANCES: If payment is not received by the end of the school year, past due amounts will be moved to students permanent student account for collection.

FOR GRADES 9, 10 AND 11 WITH PAST DUE BALANCES: If the student owes a balance of less than -\$10.00 and payment is not received by the end of the school year, the balance will be carried over to the next school year in the student's meal account for collection. For balances greater than -\$10.00, the charges will be moved to the student's permanent Aeries account each summer in an attempt to collect delinquent balances.

Once all attempts to collect bad debt/delinquent charges have been exhausted prior to the start of a new fiscal school year and no later than the start of the new calendar year, then the FSC will submit a debt recovery request from the district's General fund to recover the costs.

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