

La Center School District  
**Meal Charge Policy**

It is the responsibility of parents or guardians to ensure their child has available funds in their school meal account. When students do not have enough funds to pay for a school lunch, students in grades K-8 will be allowed to charge up to 2 lunches to their account. After 2 charges, students will be offered an emergency meal of a sandwich, fruit and milk. If a student account remains negative and the student has been served 3 emergency meals, the student will not be served lunch until their account is replenished.

Students will be notified when their meal account is low. Students will receive a note with their account balance. Parents will be called or emailed when students have a zero or negative balance. Online payments are a safe and secure way to make payments for meal accounts. Please ask your school office for account login information.

High school students will not be allowed to charge meals. High school students will be told verbally when their account is low. If they have a zero lunch balance or low funds, they may visit the salad bar for an emergency lunch.

If donated funds are available, students may use the donation fund instead of the emergency lunch option. This fund may be used a maximum of two times per school year per student.

Negative lunch balances will remain on a student's account until paid.

References: SP 46-2016 USDA-Unpaid Meal Charges: Local Meal Charge Policies  
6700 – Nutrition, Health and Physical Fitness

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