

8505 MEAL CHARGE

The Deer Park School District recognizes that on occasion, students may forget to bring meal money to school or may not have sufficient funds on his/her account to purchase a meal. This policy ensures that students do not go hungry, but also promotes responsible student behavior and minimizes the fiscal burden to the district.

To comply with the State guidelines and maintain a system for accounting for charged meals, regarding both full and reduced-price meals, the district has established the following:

1. The district will identify and record all meals as well as collect repayments using our computer-generated point of sale system.
2. At the elementary level (May Moore Primary School, John Q. Adams Primary School, John F. Kennedy Intermediate School), a maximum of two meals may be charged on accounts with no balances. A student cannot charge extras or snacks.
3. At the secondary level (Robert Frost Middle School, Deer Park High School) students will not be permitted to charge a meal or snacks on accounts with no balances.
4. Parents will be notified on a timely basis of outstanding charges by telephone or by mail.
5. If outstanding accounts are not paid in full prior to the beginning of the following school year, schedules will not be mailed and must be picked up at the school when the account is settled.
6. Families may apply for free/reduced meals at any time during the school year.

Applications are mailed to all families prior to the school year. In addition, applications are available at the district office, school offices and on-line.

7. The school district shall send a letter home before the beginning of the school year to all parents, outlining the requirements of this policy. This policy shall also be published on the school district's website and the summer newsletter.

Ref:

[42 USC § 1779](#) (Child Nutrition Act of 1966)

[42 USC § 1758](#)(f)(1); [1766](#)(a) (National School Lunch Act)

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