

## Food Charging Policy

The Wynford Local School District participates in the USDA, Child Nutrition, National School Lunch and Breakfast Program. The National School Lunch and Breakfast Program does not require that students who pay for meals be served a meal when payment is not received.

Wynford Local Schools charge policy for student Food Service accounts will allow students to charge a maximum in the amount of three lunches. No charges are permitted on ala carte items. Repayment for any charged meals is expected the next school day. Students who have reached their charge limit will be offered an emergency meal. Students over the charge limit will not be allowed to purchase ala carte items. Students that do not have funds to pay for the daily meal and are not able to charge should notify the first food service staff member in line and will be given the emergency meal.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure consistency and fair practices with Food Service student accounts throughout the district, ensure the district is striving for solvency of the Food Service program and work to meet the nutritional needs of the classroom student. Allowing charges to accumulate can lead to tremendous deficits for the school food services and nutrition program. Therefore the district holds the right to discontinue the privilege of meal charging if it becomes a hardship or excessive.

If student food service charges and/or receipt of emergency meals become excessive, are not repaid or if after being contacted/contact attempts made, parent/guardian refuses to pay outstanding charges, no payment made, Wynford Local School District reserves the right to take action deemed necessary to collect monies owed and/or notify the Department of Social Services of child neglect.

**Three weeks** before the end of the school year Food Service account **charging will NOT** be permitted. Seniors will be given written notice and if charges are not paid this could result in holding the student's diploma.

Prepayments for students' accounts are strongly encouraged to reduce lost funds and increase the speed of the service line during meal service allowing students more time to eat their meals and socialize with their peers.

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