

## **Unpaid Meals**

### **Meal Charging Procedures**

Meal accounts for students should be consistently funded throughout the school year to avoid students needing to charge for a meal. However, the Board recognizes that an occasional emergency may make it necessary to charge for a meal. Families needing assistance to apply for free or reduced meals should contact the Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation's Director of Food Service.

The Board's policy and Superintendent's procedure related to meal charges shall be distributed in writing to all households at the start of each school year and to households transferring to the school or Corporation during the school year. Additionally, the Board's policy and Superintendent's procedure related to meal charges shall be distributed to all Corporation staff responsible for policy enforcement, including Corporation food service employees, accounting staff, and all other staff involved in enforcing any aspect of the meal charge policy. Information can also be found on the school's website – [www.gcsc.k12.in.us](http://www.gcsc.k12.in.us).

Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation's policy for meal charges is as follows:

#### **District-Wide (K-12)**

- Students may charge breakfasts and lunches
- A la carte items may not be charged
- Notifications will be sent to parents/guardians concerning the status of their child(s) prepaid account via low balance letter, email, text, or phone call to the household.
- All charges must be paid by the last school day of the month; after that time the parent/guardian may be assigned to collections.
- Any arrears in excess of \$50 will be assigned to collections on a monthly basis. Any costs associated with collections will be passed on to the parent.

Families may deposit money into students' meal accounts using a credit or debit card. Students may also pay with check or cash at the register as they go through the meal line. Any change due at the point of sale will be receipted into the prepaid meal account.

The superintendent may develop administrative guidelines to implement this policy.

### **Inactive Prepaid Meal Accounts**

All balances, positive or negative, will transfer to the next school year. A prepaid account becomes inactive when a student withdraws from the corporation, graduates, or after nine (9) weeks with no transaction activity. In order to receive remaining prepaid meal account funds, requests must

be made within sixty (60) days of becoming inactive. If unclaimed, these funds will then become property of Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation Department of Food Services and placed in the Feed the Future account. However, provided that a parent requests and can document entitlement to the positive balance in the prepaid account, the parent is entitled to a refund of that amount.

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