

Meal Debt / Borrowing Policy
Cocalico School District
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Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act / Lunch Shaming

Cocalico Food Service is committed to our students and nutrition. We will do our duty to provide meals to the students of our community. Reminders are sent home at the elementary level weekly. Middle and high school balances are updated on your power school account every day at 5pm. In the event that a student does not have lunch money, we will provide them with a meal. We will charge the student for the meal and will do the following to collect funds. One provision, communicated by our newly adopted School Board Policy 808, deals with sharing a process for dealing with negative lunch balances. As part of the revisions to this policy the following verbiage is listed in your handbooks:

Elementary Parent Student Handbook

“Students who forget their lunch money will be able to charge a maximum of 5 consecutive lunches. After receiving 3 consecutive unpaid lunches, a letter will be sent home. When the negative balance reaches or exceeds \$10.00, the building principal will notify the parents via a telephone call.”

MS and HS Handbooks

“Students who forget their lunch money will be able to charge a maximum of 2 consecutive lunches. As soon as a negative balance occurs, parents will receive a PowerSchool notification via email. When the negative balance reaches or exceeds \$10.00, the building principal or designee will notify the parents via a telephone call.”

These revisions will ensure that we are meeting the requirements of SBP 808, under the section “School Meal Charges and Accounts”.

USDA regulations on long term debt / negative balances

The Food Service department may no longer carry negative balances into the new school year. June 30th all negative balances must be cleared, otherwise the district general fund must cover negative balances.

Contact the food service department at any time during the year if you have problems funding your student lunch.

You may apply for free or reduced lunches at paschoolmeals.com anytime.