

Food/School Nutrition Services

The Board shall provide a District-wide school nutrition program in compliance with applicable state and federal statutes and regulations. It is the intent of the Board that school nutrition services be a self-supporting program.

MEALS

Lunchrooms shall serve meals that meet or exceed the requirements specified by state and federal regulations.

MEAL CHARGES

All parents shall be provided the written meal charge policy at the beginning of each school year or upon enrollment in the District for students transferring in mid-year. In addition, parents shall be advised of the available payment systems and meal prices.

The written meal charge policy shall be distributed to all school level staff including school nutrition employees involved in policy enforcement.

Dawson Springs Independent Schools are all Community Eligible Provision (CEP) schools. Students eat breakfast and lunch at no charge.

The Superintendent/ designee shall initiate the established collection process for students that have accumulated prior meal charges to include notification of parents and appropriate follow-up. If parents have not contacted the Cafeteria Manager or submitted the amount indicated within ten (10) working days from the date of the final notice, the debt will be considered delinquent and may be directed to the Board Attorney.

Students shall not be permitted to charge a la carte items, nor shall adults be permitted to charge meals or a la carte items.

If a student withdraws or transfers from the District schools and has a balance in his/her meal account, parents/guardians may receive, upon request to the School Food Service Director, a refund of that balance following the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. End of the year account balances will not be refunded to returning students; these balances will be carried over to the next school year.