

Policy EEAC: Student Charged Meals

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FNS Instruction 796-2 (Rev. 3) lists bad debts as a non-allowable expenditure of Federal Funds. Therefore, losses or meals charged cannot be paid with Child Nutrition Funds.

Student Accounts and Meal Charges:

Calhoun County School District will comply with Board Policy EEAC as follows:

- A. Adults are not allowed to charge meals or solicit food from students.
 - B. Students may charge meals as follows:
 - Students receiving free meals will not be allowed to charge extra items or ice cream. Reduced and Full Paid students will not be allowed to charge a second meal, extra items or ice cream if they have a zero or negative account balance.
 - Charge notes will be sent home with students who have a negative account balance from the cafeteria manager. Calls and/or emails will be sent to parent(s)/guardian(s) in attempt to collect money.
 - Once the charge limit is reached, the student will be served a low-cost alternate reimbursable meal consisting of a sandwich, fruit and a carton of milk.
 - Children with Disabilities that have reached the charge limit and will be served an alternate meal will have access to a meal safe to consume.
 - When a student brings money, that money will first be applied to the purchase of a reimbursable meal; any remainder money will then be applied to negative balances on the student's account.
 - C. Charging will not be permitted after May 1st of the current school year to allow adequate time to collect student account balances.
 - D. Parents/Guardians may be reported to Department of Human Services at the discretion of the Manager and/or School Food Service Administrator.
 - E. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are strongly encouraged to register for a free account on the school meal online payment center, myschoolbucks.com.
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