

Quinton Township Board of Education District Policy Manual

Business & Non-Instructional Operations

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Meals on Credit / Charged Meals

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While the Board of Education understands that there may be occasions when students fail to bring the required lunch money to school, the cafeteria personnel are not empowered to extend unlimited credit to students. In the event that a student does not bring money to purchase lunch, the following procedures will be followed:

Procedures

In accordance with the provisions of state law, if any money is owed for a student's school meals, the designated administrator shall contact the student's parent/guardian and provide notice of the debt.

Students may receive an alternate meal when charges on their school meal account ~~indicates~~ are more than \$30.00. This alternative meal shall provide adequate nutritional benefits to the student and will be prepared in consideration of any food allergies the student may have.

The district may initiate legal action against the parent(s)/guardian(s) three weeks after the written notification of charges in excess of \$50.00. The parent(s)/guardian(s) will be responsible for the meal charges and applicable court expenses after legal papers are filed.

Students may not charge snacks at any time.

Notification

A copy of this policy shall be provided in writing to all households at the start of each school year and to households whose children transfer into the district during the school year. It is recommended that a copy of the policy be included in student handbooks and/or online. Multiple methods of communication with parents/guardians should be used whenever possible.

Additionally, all staff members shall be provided with a copy of this policy to ensure proper enforcement.

Legal References

NJSA 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties

Possible Cross References

3542, 3542.31, 5131