

SEYMOUR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS STUDENT MEAL CHARGES POLICY

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All students ***not eligible*** for free meals and ***non food service staff*** must pay for meals. Exceptions are indicated below.

STATUS	GRADE	MEAL ALLOWED
Low balance	K – 12	meal is allowed
Zero balance	K – 12	allow student to charge* No Breakfast charged
Negative balance	K – 12	allow student to charge* No Breakfast charged
Equivalent of 3 meals Negative balance or Greater (-6.00)	K – 12	Offered complimentary meal or pay cash for the meal

* ***After \$6.00 in charges*** the student should be offered a complimentary meal. After 3 days of negative balances of -\$6.00 or more the food service office should be notified.

* ***Only reimbursable student meals should be charged.*** Second meals and ala cart items are not to be charged.

Complimentary meal: The complimentary meal will be a small entrée and drink. It is most likely to be a cheese sandwich and milk, but may change to meet the needs of the student. There will be no charge for the first 5 meals but records will be kept. After that the entrée will be free but charges will be made for the drink.

It is the parents' responsibility to manage accounts with MealpayPlus. Students will be notified by the cashier when the account is near a negative balance.

Debts greater than \$50.00 may be collected through Small Claims Court. Once this is turned over to the Court, all court costs in addition to the fees will be owed by the parents.

Parents and students will be informed of the starting date of this policy. From that date forward, the policy will be in effect. Students with a negative account balance greater than -\$6.00 may pay cash for the regular meal or be given the alternate snack.

MEAL PAYMENTS ONLINE: MealpayPlus is the secure, convenient and friendly way to manage and pay for your child's school meals via the Internet. Log on to www.MealPayPlus.com, a state-of-the-art online service that offers you the convenience and information you need to monitor and manage your student's meal account. This

system will eliminate the need to send checks to school, worry about lost or forgotten lunch money, and speeds up serving lines in the cafeteria. Once an account is established it can be accessed toll free at 866-684-4885.

At **no cost**, MealpayPlus allows any family to:

- **Create a free, secured account to manage your student's account**
- **Check your student's current account balance**
- **Monitor the items your student has been purchasing in the cafeteria**
- Create settings to **receive email notifications** when the account reaches a low balance

For a convenience fee, MealpayPlus allows any family to:

- **Make a prepayment** into your student's meal account using a check, credit card, or debit card at www.mealpayplus.com or by calling 866-684-4885. Prepayments can be made to one or more children's accounts with one 4.75% convenience fee. Funds deposited through MealpayPlus are usually available for student use within an hour. This feature eliminates the need to send a check to school or worry about lost or forgotten lunch money.
- Create settings to **automatically replenish** your student's account when it reaches a low balance.

It is of utmost importance that schools and parents partner to guide our student's nutritional choices, and MealpayPlus provides a way to do that. **We strongly encourage all parents (even if you do not prepay for your student's meal account) to create an account at no cost through www.mealpayplus.com and remain involved in your student's nutritional decisions.**

To create a new account, follow the onscreen directions and register your student using their **Student ID Number**. You will find the Student ID Number on their Textbook Rental/Registration Profile forms or you can obtain the number by calling the school office, school Food Service Manager, or by contacting the Food Service Department at (812)523-8156.