## Meal Charge Policy and Debt Collection

**Elementary students** with a zero or negative balance in their meal account, and no cash or check in hand, will be provided with a regular meal. Ala carte items and second meals cannot be charged against a zero or negative balance.

**Middle school students** with a zero or negative balance up to \$10 will be provided a meal. However, middle school principals have discretion in allowing students to charge beyond the \$10 limit.

**High school students** with a zero or negative balance in their meal account, and no cash or check in hand, will not be provided with a meal. However, high school principals have discretion in allowing students to charge against a zero or negative balance.

A low balance email/text notification is automatically sent to the parent/guardian when a student's meal account reaches below \$10. They will not be alerted again unless there is a purchase made that further lowers the balance. Weekly negative balance letters are sent home by backpack or mail when an account has a negative balance.

All meal accounts must be paid in full by the last day of the school year. The school is responsible for all unpaid meal charges.