

The District allows paid/reduced-status students to “charge” up to a maximum of \$2.00 on exhausted/insufficient meal accounts for reimbursable lunches. The limit will allow one lunch to be charged by “paid-status” elementary or secondary students and up to five lunches for “reduced-status” students.

Once the charge limit is reached, a no-cost alternate lunch consisting of a sandwich and a carton of fruit juice will be made available to students with exhausted/insufficient funds and/or charges on their meal accounts.

Partial charges are not allowed. For example, a student may not charge \$.25 of the cost of a reimbursable lunch and pay cash or money on account for the remainder.

The \$2.00 maximum charge limit noted above will apply only to reimbursable lunches. A la carte items may not be charged under any circumstances.

Any “charged” meal accounts will be deducted (paid) immediately from any future deposits on accounts.

Parents will be notified via school messenger any time their child’s (children’s) accounts reach a negative (i.e., charged) balance. Parents will be informed in that message that the cost of the charged meal will be deducted from any deposit made on the account.

Current policy of the U.S. Department of Agriculture requires the District at-large to cover the cost of any unpaid meal charges at the end of the school year.