



Meal Charge Policy, 2022-2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Harmony strives each day to provide a safe, caring and collaborative atmosphere for our students. Nutritious meals are available daily for a price of \$2.00 for breakfast, \$3.30 for lunch, and \$0.50 for a la carte milk. Schools may also sell Smart Snacks and ice cream, which are only available for purchase from a positive meal account balance. Note that just a milk is an a la carte purchase and costs \$0.50 regardless of eligibility.

Upon enrollment in Harmony Public Schools, each student is provided a meal account onto which money may be deposited for breakfast, lunch, or a la carte purchases. Money may be deposited by credit card or money order in the school office. You may also deposit money online by setting up an account at www.schoolcafe.com. In addition to making payments, you may also arrange for low balance alerts and schedule automatic payments. School Café is available online and as an app for both iPhone and Android devices.

If you would like to apply for free or reduced price meals, the lunch application is available online at www.schoolcafe.com as well as through the app. A paper copy of the application is also available at the school office. A reduced price breakfast is \$0.30, and a reduced price lunch is \$0.40. Once an application is submitted, the school will notify the household by mail or email within 10 operating days of the student's eligibility.

Should a student's meal account balance fall below \$0, he/she will be allowed to charge up to -\$15 in breakfast or lunch meals. Students will not be allowed to charge a la carte purchases. Once the negative meal account balance limit is reached, the student will receive an alternate meal consisting of cereal/fruit/milk for breakfast and sandwich/vegetable/milk for lunch.

Harmony goes to great lengths to communicate with parents about the status of their student's lunch balance. Parents will be notified when a student's balance approaches \$0. The school will make several additional attempts to contact the parents regarding negative balances prior to the student receiving an alternate meal. Parents may view meal account balances at any time by logging in to their School Café account. Please note that while households later approved for free meals will begin receiving free meals immediately, they are still responsible for paying negative balances accrued on the meal account.

We appreciate your continued support as we work to ensure a safe and productive learning environment for all of our students.

Sincerely,
Child Nutrition

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