Cathedral of the Risen Christ School

Unpaid Lunch Policy

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Purpose

This policy ensures that all students eligible for free or reduced-price meals can receive a reimbursable lunch even if they do not have funds in their account at the time of service. It also outlines how unpaid charges will be managed, how families can resolve balances, and how the school will maintain dignity and respect for all students.

Federal Requirement

Under USDA guidance, all school food authorities (SFAs) must have a written policy explaining how they will handle situations where children eligible for free or reduced-price meals do not have money in their account to cover the cost of a meal at the time of service.

Meal Access with Negative Balance

- Students are always able to obtain a reimbursable meal with a negative account.

Payment Options

- Parents may add funds during the school day via cash, check or the MySchoolBucks app (fees apply).
- Payment in the form of cash or check may be dropped off at the school office in an envelope with students name and amount.

Communications and Notifications

- Households will receive the Free/Reduced Applications and all other Food Service material before the new school year via email, digital newsletters or website. Paper copies are available by request.
- Families with negative balances will be notified by email.
- Balances can be checked on the MySchoolBucks app or by contacting the Lunch Attendant by calling the school or email.
- Families may apply for meal benefits anytime during the school year and are confidential.

Unpaid Charge Management

- School food service funds may not be used to cover unpaid meal costs.
- The school will work with families needing assistance.