



CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM

2019-20 CHARGE POLICY



Sometimes a parent and/or student will forget to bring money to pay for meals. Below is Elmore County's charge policy:

- Students are allowed to charge up to \$12.50
- À la carte items may not be charged for any reason
- Students who charge a meal will receive a reimbursable meal
- Children that accrue charges will have written notifications sent home weekly
- Employees of Elmore County Public Schools are **NOT** allowed to charge a meal
- Guests/Visitors of Elmore County Public Schools are **NOT** allowed to charge a meal

Helpful reminders:

- All meals must be paid for in advance of consuming them
- Child(ren) should bring money first thing Monday morning
- Please pay for a minimum of one week at a time, if at all possible. We suggest keeping at least \$5-7 in your child's account at all times, if you are a full-paying or reduced-paying household

My School Bucks allows parents access to their student's account **FREE OF CHARGE!** More and more parents are using online banking to pay bills so why not utilize this service to your benefit. Eliminate those frantic phone calls from students saying they forgot their lunch money!

1. **FREE**-view your child's account balance and send money to the school accordingly
2. **FREE**-receive emails when your child's balance gets to a certain amount (you set the amount)
3. **\$2.49 fee**-deposit funds electronically through My School Bucks; however, you can allocate funds to more than one student account per deposit

Register today at www.myschoolbucks.com. Please take advantage of this helpful and convenient service.

Students whose parents have applied for Free and Reduced Meals must still pay for meals until approval is official. Benefits are not retro-active. Parents are responsible for ALL meals their child(ren) eat until official approval is made by the Child Nutrition office. This can take up to 10 days. A notification letter will be sent home. Parents who are waiting for approval from the Child Nutrition office for Free and Reduced meals must provide for student meals by sending money or packing a lunch.

Federal and State Child Nutrition guidelines prohibit the school from allowing students to accrue excessive charges (see Elmore County's charge policy above). State regulations prohibit schools from denying K-3 students and students with disabilities a meal when funds are not available. Therefore, elementary students and students with disabilities who have reached the \$12.50 limit, will be given an alternate meal which will include a turkey or cheese sandwich (cereal at breakfast), fruit and milk until full payment is received. Middle and high school students will not be allowed to charge more than \$12.50 and will not have the option of receiving an alternate meal.

If you have questions concerning any of the above, please call the CNP Office at (334) 567-1222 or toll free 1-844-685-9054.