



ATTLEBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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New School Lunch Policy

Dear APS Student Families:

You should be aware that the Attleboro School Committee, at its September 26, 2016 meeting, approved the attached policy regarding school lunch in general and charging of school lunch in particular.

We are sending this correspondence so that parents may be fully informed of the changes and their potential consequences. Families are strongly encouraged to make online payments and to register for a low-balance alert.

For Grade K through 6 families, any student whose account has a balance less than the value of a school lunch will be provided five (5) school days to replenish their lunch account. Once the student has accumulated five (5) school days of charges, an alternative meal at a reduced price will be served to the student until the student's account is brought current. The alternative meal will consist of a nut-free sandwich, fruit, and milk.

For Grade 7 through 12 families, any student whose account has a balance less than the value of a school lunch will be provided three (3) school days to replenish their lunch account. Once the student has accumulated three (3) school days of charges an alternative meal at a reduced price will be served to the student for an additional two (2) school days. The alternative meal will consist of a nut-free sandwich, fruit, and milk. If the account is still not brought current, the School will deny access to additional meals for any student who has not been declared a free or reduced lunch student or does not have cash or pre-paid funds on the account at the time of sale.

In all cases, if a student's account has a negative balance, the administration may take the following action: prohibit participation by the student in any future fee-based programs for example: field trips, user-fee programs, etc.) until the deficit balance is paid in full. If the student's account is not in good standing at the end-of-the-school year, the administration may take one or more of the following actions unless prohibited by law or regulation:

- Delay the issuance of report cards, transfer cards, and/or class assignments until obligation is met;
- Prohibit the student's participation in any future fee or charge-based program, until the negative or delinquent balance is paid in full.
- Prohibit eligibility for high school privileges and/or participation in senior activities and/or graduation exercises;
- Prohibit participation of the student in the food service program;
- Referral to small claims court and/or District Attorney's Office and/or any other appropriate State Agency

We would like to thank you for your time and attention, and should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your school or myself directly at 508 222-0012, x-1522.

Sincerely,

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