

POLICY**Woodland Park
Board of Education**

Section: Operations

8550. UNPAID MEAL CHARGES/OUTSTANDING FOOD SERVICE CHARGES

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The Board of Education understands a student may forget to bring breakfast or lunch, as applicable, or money to purchase breakfast or lunch to school on a school day.

A. On the first occasion, the student will be served a meal. The parent/guardian will be contacted.

B. On the second and third occasions, the student will be served a cheese sandwich, fruit, vegetable and milk. The parent/guardian will be contacted.

C. If balances are not paid in full by conclusion of winter break, the child will not be able to participate in the food service program at the start of the new calendar year. After the balance is paid in full, the child can resume participation.

A parent's refusal to provide lunch or breakfast for their child or money to purchase lunch or breakfast may be indicative of more serious issues in the family or household. In these situations, the Principal or designee shall consult with and seek necessary services from both the County Board of Social Services and the Department of Children and Families, Division of Child Protection and Permanency, as appropriate.

When a parent's routine failure to provide breakfast or lunch is reasonably suspected to be indicative of child abuse or neglect, the Principal or designee shall immediately report such suspicion to the Department of Children and Families, Division of Child Protection and Permanency as required in N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.10. Such reporting shall not be delayed to accommodate a parent's meeting with the Principal or designee.

In accordance with the provisions of the United States Department of Agriculture, this Policy shall be provided in writing to all households at the start of each school year and to households transferring to the school or school district during the school year. The school district may post this Policy on the school or school district's website provided there is a method in place to ensure this Policy reaches all households, particularly those households without access to a computer or the Internet.

This Policy shall also be provided to all school and food service staff responsible for the enforcement of this Policy, including school administrators to ensure this Policy is supported.

The food service program will comply with all meal charge policy requirements of the United States and New Jersey Department of Agriculture and N.J.S.A. 18A:33-21.

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