



## **Meal Charge Policy for Non-CEP Sites**

### **School Year 2023-2024**

It is the goal of the Sharyland ISD Child Nutrition Program to ensure all students have access to healthy school meals. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to complete a household application to determine eligibility for free, reduced-price, or full pay meals for students who attend non-CEP schools (Sharyland High School, Sharyland Advanced Academic Academy (SA3), BL Gray Jr. High, Hinojosa Elementary, and Shimotsu Elementary). Students at non-CEP campuses will be able to charge a meal of their choice even if they have a negative balance. Meal charges will apply and continue to accumulate until repayment has been settled. Beginning the 2023-2024 school year, students approved for reduced-price meals can eat breakfast at no charge through the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years. Payment of the negative balances are the responsibility of the parent/guardian and should be completed in a timely manner. Students with negative balances will not be allowed to charge a la carte purchases to their account. Parents/Guardians are notified at minimum three times a week by letters to household, sky alert messages, and phone calls.

Parents may provide their own child with breakfast, lunch, or snacks. Children may not share food from home with other students.

#### **Negative Charges**

- Students with a zero-dollar balance in their meal account will be allowed to charge a meal of their choice in an effort to encourage access to a nutritious meal. Parents/Guardians are allowed to set up a repayment schedule for charges accrued. Contact the CNP office for details.
- Negative balances must be cleared in a timely manner. Parents/Guardians are responsible for all meal costs incurred until the application is approved.
- No student will be allowed to charge a meal during the last week of school. Students with a zero-dollar balance or negative account balance will be allowed a meal of their choice regardless of non-payment status.
- Every effort is made to contact the parent concerning low account balances. Managers document all written and verbal communication with parents.

#### **Payment**

Money may be deposited into the student's account to purchase breakfast, lunch, extra entrées, juice, milk and a la carte items as offered. *\*Notify the cafeteria if you would like to limit your child's a la carte purchases. \**

Click the following Link [Meal Payments](#) to make payments quickly and securely. Parents can check their children's balance anytime on line on our webpage. You will be asked to input your child's ID number and campus name. Checks are not accepted.

#### **No Charging the last week of school**

Beginning May 27, 2024 through May 30, 2024, students are not allowed to charge meals to their accounts.

#### **Sky Alerts**

As an additional courtesy, Sky alerts are automated voice calls that go out Tuesdays and Thursdays to notify parents of low and negative balances, respectively.

**Free or Reduced Meals – 30 Day Carryover**

Students enrolled in Sharyland ISD on the last day of class (**May 25, 2023**) will be allowed to continue their 2022/2023 meal status (Free, Reduced Price, Full Pay) for the first 30 days of the 2023/2024 school year.

**Students with Free/Reduced meal benefits must reapply each school year.**

Free/Reduced Meal Applications are available at the campus, CNP office, and on-line. Applications must be returned to the cafeteria manager or Child Nutrition Office. Applications will be reviewed and an eligibility determination is made within **10 working days of the receipt of the application**.

**Failure to reapply means a student's meal status will change to full pay on October 2, 2023.**

Households may update their application at any time during the school year. For example, if your household size increases, change in income, or your household receives SNAP, TANF or other benefits (such as unemployment benefits), your household may update their application.

For additional questions/concerns visit or call the Child Nutrition Office at:

1243 E. Business Hwy 83, Mission, Texas, 78572 or (956) 584-6403.

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