



School Meal Charge Policy-Reimbursable Meal

School Way Café

School: Southwestern Middle School

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure compliance with federal reporting requirements for the USDA Child Nutrition Program, and to provide oversight and accountability for the collection of outstanding student meal balances.

The intent of this policy is to establish uniform meal account procedures throughout **Southwestern Middle School**.

The provisions of this policy pertain to full pay and reduced-priced school lunch meals only.

While the USDA Child Nutrition Program does not require that a full pay student or reduced-priced student be served a meal without payment, **Southwestern Middle School** has established this policy as a courtesy.

NOTE: This policy is school administration-based and may vary between schools.

II. Policy

A student will receive a reimbursable meal. The student's account will be charged accordingly.

Parents/Guardians are responsible for meal payment to School Way Café. Notices of deficit balances will be sent to parents/guardians by *SchoolMessenger Communicate* calls daily during the school year.

Students/Parents/Guardians may pay for meals in advance with cash or a check payable to the school; or online through www.myschoolbucks.com. Please note this service has a minimal service fee.

Parents/Guardians should maintain funds in student meal accounts to prevent students from being without meal money on any given day. Any remaining funds for a student at the end of the school year will be carried over to the next school year.

School Way Café uses computerized point of sale/cash register systems that maintain records of all monies deposited and spent for each student and said records are available by setting up an account at www.myschoolbucks.com.

Students with negative funds- no ala carte charges or purchased items are permitted.

If a student is without meal money on a consistent basis, the administration will investigate the situation more closely and take further action as needed. If financial hardship exists, parents and families are encouraged to apply for free or reduced-price meal benefits for their child by visiting: <http://myvolusiaschools.org/schoolwaycafe/Pages/Free-and-Reduced-Meal-Applications.aspx> to apply for meal benefits.

Currently, breakfast is complimentary to all students enrolled in Volusia County Schools; however, this service may be discontinued at any time.