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<https://ideapublicschools.org/parents/cnp/> for assistance with applying for free or reduced-price school meals.

Eligibility Changes

Households may update their meal application throughout the school year by contacting the cafeteria manager or reapplying online if the household has experienced any changes. For example, if the household size increases, changes in income occur, or the household begins to receive SNAP, TANF or other benefits (such as unemployment benefits), the household may update their meal application. Negative balances resulting from eligibility changes for free eligible students are not collected from households by IDEA CNP. IDEA must subsidize the nonprofit school food service account for those meals annually.

Transfer Students & 30-Day Carryover

New students transferring to a non-CEP IDEA school from a Special Provision or CEP district will receive a



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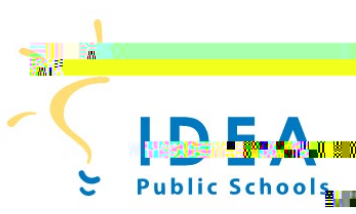
lunch during the school day.

Families that do not make a donation will have their full account balance carried over into the next school year or have the option to request a refund. Families that donate a portion of their remaining balance (e.g., "up to \$5.00") will also have any amount above this portion carried over or refunded.

To donate leftover funds, families can donate by completing the "Statement of Consent for Donation" form found at <https://ideapublicschools.org/parents/cnp>. The form is also available at the school cafeteria.

Outstanding Student Debt

Outstanding student debt (also called bad debt) resulting from nonpayment for school meals is not an allowable cost to IDEA CNP's school food service account and cannot be absorbed by IDEA CNP at the end of the school year or carried forward. If IDEA CNP allows the students to accumulate charges, and those charges are not paid (i.e., parents do not put money into a child's account) IDEA must subsidize the



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