

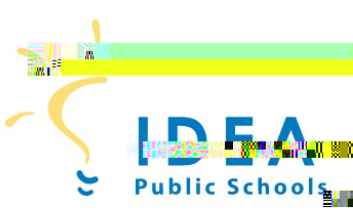
The goal of IDEA Public School's (IDEA) Child Nutrition Program (CNP) is to provide students with healthy meals each day. Parents may provide their own child with breakfast, lunch, or snacks. To ensure the health and safety of students with food allergies, intolerances and special diets, students may not share food from home with other students. For more information, see the Wellness Policy at the IDEA website referenced in the contact information below.

IDEA CNP shall inform families annually of the availability of reimbursable school meals and families must be provided information about applying for free or reduced price meals. Families participating at the reduced or paid rate are expected to pay for their children's meals. When a child does not have the funds needed to pay for their meal, it is a difficult situation for both the child and the school. Families must all also be informed of the impacts of having insufficient funds on hand or in their child's account to purchase a meal.

The purpose of this policy is for IDEA CNP to be compliant with federal, state, and local policy, and to provide oversight and accountability for the collection of outstanding student meal balances. As per the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), disabled students and students with free eligibilities cannot be denied a reimbursable meal even if the student has accrued a negative balance.

Any changes to the IDEA CNP's meal charge policy shall be communicated to households as necessary and appropriate at least on an annual basis.





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IDEA shall provide a courtesy meal to all students, including students who do not have money to pay. Courtesy meals are offered at no charge to students with negative meal balances. Any courtesy meal served is a reimbursable meal that conforms to USDA meal requirements. For any student who has a medical statement for a meal accommodation, the courtesy meal served to that student must still meet the required accommodations.

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Whether at a CEP or non-CEP school, if a student takes a non-reimbursable or an incomplete meal, IDEA will offer the student the option to purchase food items à la carte. In this event, CNP serving staff will prevent the overt identification of the eligibility status of the student.

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A la Carte transactions may not be charged on a student account with insufficient funds to cover the purchase. This applies to students at CEP and non-CEP schools.

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Parents may make payments to their students account and monitor their child's meal balances by contacting their cafeteria manager or by logging into the CNP utilized online meal management system.

IDEA's CNP offers payment plans on all negative balance accounts. To elect this option, households may contact their school cafeteria management. CNP will not apply a fee over the price of the meal or apply interest in connection with meals purchased or payment plans.

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At the end of the academic year, families have the option to donate any leftover funds remaining in their student's school lunch account. Families that do not donate

