

CLEARFIELD ALLIANCE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

LOCAL MEAL CHARGE POLICY

The goal of the School Meal Programs is to provide nutritious meals to children during the school day. As participants in the CEP, CACS provides all students with one free breakfast and one free lunch per day. No documentation or application is required.

School Policies

The Local Meal Charge Policy will be communicated in writing to parents/guardians and all staff each school year. The Local Meal Charge Policy will also be posted on the school Website.

1. Parents/Guardians are notified about CACS's participation in CEP at the beginning of each school year.
2. Students who request a first meal will not be denied a meal. A meal can only be denied if the students' parent/guardian has directed the school in writing to withhold a meal.
3. Students who owe more than \$5 will not be permitted to purchase a second meal or milk. Water will be provided at no cost if needed.
4. A student who cannot pay for a school meal or owes money for school meals will not be stigmatized, publically identified, be required to perform work or chores, or be made to discard a school meal after it was served.
5. When a student owes more than \$5, the school will mail a letter directly to the parents requesting that the lunch account be brought current.
6. Charges will continue to accrue to the student's school lunch account although there may already be a negative balance.
7. Any delinquent debt which is being actively pursued will be carried over to the subsequent school year.
8. Delinquent debt will be handled in the following manner:
 - Parent/Guardians are notified by letter of negative balances
 - The school will establish a payment plan with families who have delinquent debt
9. At the end of the school year, if a negative balance would be remaining in the school's overall food service account, monies will be transferred from an appropriate school fund into the food service account to cover the amount of debt incurred.