

Mason Consolidated Schools Meal Charge Policy

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Mason Consolidated Schools is committed to providing students with healthy and nutritious meals every day. Our district participates in the **Community Eligibility Provision** and the **Michigan School Meal Program**, which provides every student with one free reimbursable breakfast and lunch every day.

However, there are charges for additional snacks or 2nd entrees purchased. The purpose of this policy is to ensure compliance with policies set by the USDA Child Nutrition Program, as well as to establish uniform meal account procedures for the district.

Breakfast & Lunch

Every active student will receive one free reimbursable breakfast and lunch each school day.

A la Carte Snacks

Students must use prepaid funds on their meal account or pay with cash at the time of purchase. Students accounts are not allowed to carry a negative balance due to the purchase of ala carte items.

2nd Meal or Entrées

Students must use prepaid funds on their meal account or pay cash at the time of purchase. Negative balances are not allowed for the purchase of a 2nd meal or entrée.

Adult Meals or A la Carte Snacks

Adults must also use prepaid funds on their meal account or pay cash at the time of purchase. Adult accounts are not allowed to have a negative balance for any purchase.

Deposits to Meal Accounts

For efficiency in moving students and staff through the serving line, everyone is strongly encouraged to deposit money into their meal account.

- Deposits can be made in cash or check (made out to Mason Consolidated Schools).
- Deposit envelopes and secure bins for dropping off deposits are in each building office.
- If you have more than one student in the district, a single deposit can be made. On the envelope please include:
 - Student names



- o ID number
- o The amount to be applied to each account

Account Balance Information & Refunds

- Account balances can be viewed online in the <u>Meal Magic Family Portal</u>.
- A student's balance carries over from year to year and from grade to grade.
- Transfers can also be made between siblings in the Meal Magic Parent Portal.
- If a student is graduating or leaving the district, families may request a refund by calling the Business Office at 734-848-9302 or by emailing nieuwkoop@eriemason.k12.mi.us.