

Meal Charge Accounts Procedures for Centerville-Abington Community Schools

A student or staff member may charge for meals if his or her account has an insufficient balance to cover the charge. A student whose account has a negative balance may not charge or purchase a la carte items, including milk and extra main course entrées. If a student has a negative lunch account balance of -\$10.00 or more, he or she will be provided an alternate meal at a reduced price. A student will never be denied a meal due to lack of funds in their account.

The alternate meal will be a low-cost alternative to the regular reimbursable meal and shall meet USDA nutritional standards of the Smart Snacks in Schools Regulations so that it qualifies for reimbursement under the National School Lunch/Breakfast Program. The breakfast alternative meal consists of a whole grain biscuit, fruit, and milk for \$0.50. The lunch alternative meal consists of a whole grain grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable and milk for \$0.75. These charges will be added to the student's negative account balance.

Parents will be initially notified by letter home or phone call of a negative balance in the student's account every week. Negative balances are expected to be corrected upon the notification by school authorities. The cafeteria cashier will be responsible for making this initial notification to parents. If an account balance remains negative more than 30 days after the initial notification, the deputy treasurer will initial appropriate collection procedures.