PowerLunch Policies for Centerville-Abington Elementary School and Rose Hamilton Elementary School

Depositing Money

Each student has his/her own lunch account and money must be deposited at each individual student's school or online through our eFunds website. All deposits must be given to your child's teacher at the beginning of the day. The lunch cashier will not accept any student's PowerLunch deposit during the lunch line unless if they were absent in the morning.

If sending a check, a separate check must be written for each student even if they are in the same family. The only exception to this policy is if the students are in the same building <u>and</u> the amount to be deposited into each student's account is clearly indicated on the check.

If sending a cash deposit, place it in a sealed envelope with the student's full name and amount of the deposit written on the outside. These deposits will be posted the same day they are received. (The cafeteria is not responsible for lost, unidentified, or stolen lunch deposits.)

If you would like to pay with a credit or debit card you may do so by using our eFunds website. (A link to this website is available on the school's homepage, www.centerville.k12.in.us) These payments will be deposited into your child's account on the same school day.

Breakfast/Lunch Charges

If a student does not have sufficient funds in their PowerLunch account they will not be able to charge any ala carte items, including milk, until their account balance is paid in full. They will however be able to charge a regular breakfast/lunch to their account. These charges are expected to be paid in full the following school day. (No charges will be allowed during the last 10 school days of the year.)

Additional meals are considered ala carte purchases and therefore students must have sufficient funds on their PowerLunch account to purchase additional meals. An additional breakfast costs \$1.75 and an additional lunch costs \$3.00 regardless of the student's lunch status.

Students will be verbally informed when their account balance is low and they need to deposit money onto their account. Letters <u>will</u> be sent home weekly with students that have negative account balances. Parents and/or students can check their account balance by logging on to their PowerSchool account (A link to this website is available on the school's homepage, <u>www.centerville.k12.in.us</u>) and clicking on the dollar sign. Account balances can be viewed on our eFunds website. To see a current account balance you must use the PowerSchool website.

If a student has charged up to -\$10.00 their parent will be contacted to let them know their child's account balance is negative and that they need to send money with their child the next school day. After this time, they will not be allowed to charge a regular meal. Instead they will be given an alternative meal of a whole grain biscuit, fruit serving, and milk for \$0.50 at breakfast and a whole grain grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable serving, and milk for \$0.75 at lunch. (These charges will be added to the student's negative account balance.)

If a student's PowerLunch account has been negative for more than 30 school days their parent will be contacted to let them know of their child's account balance. If full payment is not received within 10 school days the school's administration will initiate appropriate collection procedures.

ID Cards – Rose Hamilton Students

Students <u>must</u> bring their school issued ID card with them to the cafeteria to purchase meals and/or ala carte items regardless of how they will be paying for their meal. These cards are kept by your child's teacher and are only passed out at lunch time. If your child brings their card home for any reason please send it back to school with them the next day.

<u>Account Number – Centerville-Abington Elementary Students</u>

Students will be given an account number at the beginning of the school year that will be 4-6 digits long. Students must use this number to purchase anything in the cafeteria. There will be numbered keypads at each register for students to type in their personal account number to access their PowerLunch account. This account number will be used from grades 3-12.

End of Year Account Balance

Unless otherwise notified, at the end of the school year all PowerLunch account balances (positive and negative) will automatically be rolled over to the next school year. If a student moves out of the school district their PowerLunch account must be brought to a zero balance. Payment for negative account balances will be required at the time of withdrawal. A check will be written for positive account balances and will be mailed to the student's parent at their forwarding address.