



Section: E: Business Management

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A food service management company may be hired by the board to oversee the district's food service program.

Sanitation Inspections

The building principal shall inspect each lunchroom to ensure that proper sanitation procedures are being followed.

Records

The management company/district food service office shall be responsible for keeping food service records required by state and federal laws and regulations.

The food service management company/district food service office shall be under the direct supervision of the Assistant Superintendent of Business/Public Relations and shall have control over all aspects of the district's food service programs subject to board policy, rules and state and federal regulations.

Meal Prices

Meal prices shall be determined by the board.

Free or Reduced Price Meals

Parents or guardians of students attending schools participating in federal school meal programs must be informed of the availability of reimbursable school meals and provided with information about eligibility and the process for applying for free or reduced price meals on or before the start of school each year. Access to this policy will be provided to parents or guardians when they receive information regarding eligibility and applying for free or reduced price meals.

Unpaid Meal Charges

The district's meal charging requirements are as follows.

A charge account for students paying full or reduced price for meals may be established with the district. Students may charge no more than \$10 worth of meals to this account, charging of a la carte or extra items to this account will not be permitted.

Any student failing to keep a charge account solvent as required by this policy shall not be allowed to charge further meals until the negative account balance has been paid in full. However, such students will be allowed to purchase a meal if the student pays for the meal when it is received. Students who have charged the maximum allowance to this account and cannot pay out of pocket for a meal will be provided an alternate meal consisting of a peanut butter, peanut butter alternative, or cheese sandwich and milk. Care will be taken by staff members requesting and distributing any alternate meals per this policy to do so discretely, while protecting the privacy of the student and the student's parent or guardian regarding negative account balances. When providing an alternate meal, district staff will provide reasonable accommodations to students with disabilities with special dietary needs.

At least one written warning shall be provided to a student and the student's parent or guardian prior to denying meals for exceeding the district's charge limit. Access to this policy will be provided to the student's parent or guardian with the written warning. If payment of the negative balance is not received within 5 working days of the maximum charge limit being attained, the debt will be turned over to the superintendent or superintendent's designee for collection. If the debt is not paid within 10 days of mailing the final notice of the negative account balance, it shall be considered bad debt for the purposes of federal law concerning unpaid meal charges.

Payments for school meals may be made at the school or district office, at the point of service of school meals, or online at <https://turnerusd202.org/campus/portal/turner.jsp>. Students, parents, and guardians of students are encouraged to prepay meal costs.

The district will provide a copy of this unpaid meal charges policy to all households at or before the start of school each year and to families and students that transfer into the district at the time of transfer. The terms of this policy will also be communicated to all district staff responsible for enforcing any aspect of the policy, a copy will be posted in district meal service facilities, and the policy will be made available on the district's website and social media accounts. Records of how and when it is communicated to households and staff will be retained.

Availability of Meals on Remote Learning Days Due to Severe Weather

When severe weather or poor road conditions due to ice and/or snow threaten the safety of students, the superintendent may close district schools or designate such days as remote learning days pursuant to policy EBBD. On these days, the superintendent will determine whether the weather and road conditions allow for safe passage of students, staff, and parents for the provision, service, and transportation of school meals to students.

If the superintendent determines it is safe to provide meal service on these days, school meals will be provided, although the manner of provision may be modified by the superintendent. If the superintendent determines that it is not feasible due to safety concerns to provide meal service on such days, notice that school meals will not be available on that day will be provided to students, parent, and affected staff members. Any alteration of the usual meal service process on these days will be communicated to staff, students, and parents using regular district communication channel.