

Quanah Independent School District Meal Charges Policy

The Quanah Independent School District is committed to improving and enhancing its services on a continuing basis. An example of this commitment is the food services computerized point of sale system, which is designed to offer patrons greater flexibility when managing their school meal accounts. We are pleased to be able to provide this improved service and encourage parents and students to take advantage of the conveniences offered by prepaying for meals. However, we recognize that not all individuals have the means or desire to participate in a prepay program which may give rise to situations where students forget or lose monies intended for a school meal. Consequently, this document's purpose is to communicate Quanah Independent School District's official policy regarding forgotten or lost monies intended for school meals. The Quanah Independent School District understands that unforeseen events do occur and encourage families who owe money on their child's meal account but are experiencing financial hardships to contact the school office where their child attends to discuss possible payment options. You may apply for free or reduced priced meals at any time during the school year.

Students are encouraged to pre-pay for their meals, however, when the circumstances arise, they may charge their meals. Statements of account will be mailed out on a periodic basis: monthly to insure that charges do not add up to a substantial amount. If payments are not paid in full, the district may seek alternate means of restitution, which may include, but are not limited to formal legal action. **Students will not be denied a hot meal due to charges on the account.** However, if a student has charges on his/her account, that student will not be allowed to purchase items on the a la carte menu, such as cookies, chips, drinks or extra milk, etc., until the student has paid for the charges on their accounts.

A la carte items are not a part of the federal lunch program, but provided as a service to the students. No a la carte items may be charged to the student's account.

When students have an existing debt on their account, students may not pay ahead on future meals, all monies must be put toward the existing balance. This policy is in accordance with the National School Lunch Program Policy regarding lost, stolen, or misused Lunch Monies, Tickets, or Meal Charges.

All delinquent accounts at the beginning of May of the current school year will be subject to collections for payment.