

Consider approval of the Southwest ISD Child Nutrition Charge Policy

1. **Background:**

Child Nutrition Services is required by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to have a written policy related to charged meals that is reviewed and updated as appropriate to the Contracting Entity's (CE) needs. The district's meal charge policy must be approved by the CE's board of trustees or governing board. The written charge policy must be provided in writing to all households at the start of the school year and to the households of any transfer student at the time of transfer. Posting to the school website is not sufficient notification.

Southwest ISD Child Nutrition Charge Policy

- Southwest ISD district-wide will continue its policy to operate the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program. All students are entitled to receive one reimbursable breakfast and one reimbursable lunch per day without the need for individual applications or payment.
- Students will be allowed to purchase a la carte items only if the student has sufficient funds in their account or cash at the time of purchase.
- No adult meal charging will be allowed. Adults must have funds on their account or cash at the time of purchase.

2. **Process:**

Child Nutrition Charge Policy is required by TDA and needs board approval. The Southwest ISD Child Nutrition Department developed a charge policy.

3. **Fiscal Impact:**

Child Nutrition Program funds will be used to print the charge policy to be distributed to households.

4. **Recommendation:**

That the Board approves the Southwest ISD Child Nutrition Charge Policy.

5. **Required:**

Board action.