

Butler County School System

Charged Meals Policy

Section 4.11c Charged Meals Pursuant to USDA Regulations

Pursuant to USDA regulations, the CNP Program cannot incur debt. Uncollected, charged meals are considered bad debts and are not an allowable expenditure for the Child Nutrition Program.

It is the objective of the Butler County School System that all students have the opportunity to participate in the school lunch program. No student shall be denied a meal.

- No student will be able to charge “a la carte” items or purchase any “a la carte” items with a negative balance.
- Students will be able to charge a meal if the money is not available at the time of service. Parents will be notified when the child’s account is low (has less than two days), and again when it is negative (at a zero-dollar balance).
- Parents will be contacted by the CNP manager, principal, or the principal designee for negative balances.
- All monies collected from outstanding debts will be use to clear the student debt.
- All unpaid meals will be charged back to the school at the end of the year to be paid for by utilizing a non-public fund source.
- Non-students/adults are prohibited from charging meals in the Child Nutrition Program.