



Good Foundations Academy

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GFA Meal Charge Policy

I. Purpose of Policy

The purpose of this policy is to communicate and institute a consistent meal charge policy between Good Foundations Academy (GFA) and the parents/guardians of our students. Policy goals include:

- Treating all students with dignity and respect regardless of account status.
- Promote positive relationships between the Administration, Food Service Department, and the parent(s)/guardian(s) of our students.
- Encourage parent(s)/guardian(s) to assume the responsibility of meal account payments.
- Avoid putting a financial burden on GFA's General Budget.

II. Policy

- GFA participates in the USDA National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs. Breakfast is served each school day at the rate of \$1.75. Lunch is served each school day at the rate of \$2.50.
- GFA participates in the Free and Reduced Breakfast and Lunch Programs. You may apply at any time on GFA's web page or contact the office for a current application. A new form must be completed each school year to continue eligibility.
- The rate for reduced breakfast is \$0.25.
- Beginning with the 2025-26 school year, GFA will not charge a rate for reduced lunch. That is, families who qualify for reduced-priced meals are not required to pay for lunch at GFA.
- Families who qualify for free breakfast and lunch but accrued negative balances prior to applying are responsible for the payment of those charges.
- Families who do not qualify for free or reduced-price meals are expected to provide a lunch from home or provide their child with money deposited in their child's meal account to purchase school meals. An account can be set up and viewed at any time through GFA's website.

- Parent(s)/guardian(s) are encouraged to pre-pay breakfast and lunch accounts through the website or in the office to avoid negative balances.
- It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to view their student's account regularly and avoid a negative balance.
- Families will be contacted monthly in writing when a meal account balance is in the negative.
- Families will be contacted by phone if a written notice yields no response.
- Families of exiting students will be responsible for any outstanding payments due on meal account.
- Parent(s)/guardian(s) of students with negative meal balances are expected to send a home lunch until the account is current.
- Families may meet with the Food Service Manager at any time to establish payment plans for outstanding balances.
- A student will not be denied a USDA approved reimbursable meal at any time; however the account will be charged and continue to accrue a balance.
- Students may not receive second meals.
- Any meal balance unpaid at the end of the school year will carry over into the next school year.

III. Compliance

GFA complies with all National School Breakfast and Lunch Program regulations.