



# BETHEL LOCAL SCHOOLS

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### UNPAID MEAL CHARGE POLICY

July 1, 2017

As of July 1, 2017, anyone participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) must have a written unpaid meal charge policy and communicated to all families. All district-level staff members are responsible for enforcing the policy. Bethel Local School does participate in the NSLP. This Policy is to be communicated to all families to inform them of what will happen if your student does not have enough money in their lunch account or in hand to purchase a plate lunch. Plate lunch includes: entrée, grain, vegetable, fruit and milk. The elementary price for plate lunch is \$2.75, middle school/high school is \$3.00, and if qualified, a reduced lunch price is \$.40 cents.

#### Our policy is as follows:

We have a "no charge policy" at Bethel Local School. This means your child's lunch account balance can't go below \$0.00 and reflect a negative balance. Parents may set up an on-line account through our **Payforit.net**. With this program, you can add money on-line and always have access to view your child's lunch account balance. We encourage you to be a part of this service. Sign up now on our website!

If your child is in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and does not have enough money in his/her lunch account or carrying cash, we will provide them with a peanut butter sandwich and a milk (*cheese sandwich and a milk for children allergic to peanut butter*). If there is any money in the student's lunch account, the cost of the peanut butter sandwich and milk will be deducted. If there is a zero balance, the student will receive a peanut butter sandwich and a milk. The cafeteria manager will call or send a letter home to inform the parent that they need to add money to their child's lunch account. If the parent does not deposit money to show a positive balance, the cafeteria manager will turn the balance issue over to student's administrator. After the first notification, the cafeteria manager will notify the administrator to place a fee of \$1.50 on the child's school fees account for the peanut butter sandwich and milk.

Grades 6-12: If the student in grades 6-12 do not have enough money in their lunch account or money in hand to purchase a plate lunch, he/she will be given a cheese sandwich and a milk. If there is any money in the student's lunch account, the cost of the milk and cheese sandwich will be deducted. If there is a zero balance, a student will receive a cheese sandwich and a milk. The cafeteria manager will call or send a letter home to inform the parent that they need to add money to their child's lunch account. If the student's lunch account does not show a positive balance after notification, the cafeteria manager will turn the balance issue over to the student's administrator. After the first notification, the cafeteria manager will notify the administrator to place a fee of \$1.50 on the child's school fees account for the cheese sandwich and milk.

If you are having a hard time providing lunch or lunch money for your child, you may fill out a free and reduced form at any time to see if you qualify for a free or reduced price meal. You can get this form on our website through any of the offices or in the cafeteria. If you concerns or questions, please feel free to contact Melissa Wolski at 937-845-9414 or your child's administrator.

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