

FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM CHARGE POLICY
Piermont

All food purchased from the Food Service Program will be paid for in advance, either in cash, or by deduction from a prepaid account. Credit will not be extended. Advance payments should be made by check, although cash will be accepted.

In the event a student forgets or misplaces their money for their lunch, a meal will be provided to them and be charged to their account. Unpaid meal charges are considered delinquent debt when the meal account continues to be unpaid for more than five (5) days. If their lunch bill has gone unpaid for more than five (5) days, the information will be referred to the building administrator for review and a parent/guardian will be notified. Letters will be sent home with account information as necessary.

A list of accounts with a negative balance of \$25 or more will be referred to the Superintendent's office for action.

If, by the end of the school year, there is a negative balance on a student account, the parent will have until June 30th in which to bring the account up to date or face possible legal action. SAU #23 reserves the right to pursue legal action on any unpaid balances.

Bad debt is defined as delinquent debt that is deemed uncollectable at the end of the school year. If all collection resources have been exhausted, the Superintendent will evaluate all delinquent debt for conversion to bad debt. Bad debt will be restored to the school nutrition program from the General Fund prior to year-end.

At no time will students be allowed to charge any snack or Ala Carte items.

At no time will staff be allowed to charge.

References: NSLP SP 23-2017 Unpaid Meal Charges: Guidance and Q&A
NSLP SP 46-2016 Unpaid Meal Charges: Local Meal Charge Policies

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