



GROSSMONT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Business Services Division
Food Services Department
School Meal Policy

General

Students not eligible for Free or Reduced Price Meal status must pay for their school meals. This may be done either through the use of a prepayment plan or cash/check payment at the time the meal is provided. (See below for information on meal prepayment plans.)

Students choosing to pay at the time the meal is provided must do so with cash or check. At this time, credit and debit payments are not available.

A la carte snacks are also available and may be purchased with cash only.

Information about Free or Reduced Price Meal eligibility is available at the school office or by contacting the Food Services Department at 619.644.8183.

Policy

1. All Grossmont District students who have not yet qualified for Free or Reduced Price Meals will be allowed to “charge” breakfast and lunch to their account.
2. Parents/Guardians are responsible for all charges incurred on their student’s account. These charges must be paid in full. Charges incurred and not paid in full put the account in “negative” status.
3. If a student’s account becomes negative, a letter will be sent home informing their parents/guardians that action must be taken to clear the account. The account may be cleared by cash/check or by using the prepayment plan (see below).
4. Parents/Guardians may elect to “opt out” by directing Food Services in writing to not serve meals to their student if the account is in negative status.
5. Students may check with the cafeteria cashiers at any time to obtain the balance of their account. Parents may also call the Food Services Department at 619.644.8183.
6. Students regardless of the account status will be given a reimbursable meal. No student will be denied a meal for any reason. No alternate meals will be served to any student.
7. No action will be taken against any student for having unpaid meal charges. Withholding reports cards, diplomas or be denied participating in school activities due to unpaid meal charges is **unallowable**.
8. No student will be overtly identified as having a negative balance nor will their eligibility be discussed during service. Status to remain confidential at all times

Meal Prepayment Plans

For your convenience, the District offers student meal prepayment plans by the week, month, or school year.

Payment may be made in one of two ways:

1. Online at EZSchoolPay.com:
 - a. Establish and monitor an account
 - b. A nominal service fee will be charged
2. By check:
 - a. Made out to GUHSD Food Services
 - b. Include student name and ID number on the memo line

Notification to Families

All district students and their families will be notified of this charge policy in writing prior to the start of each school year. Notifications will be sent home in registration packets. An email blast informing families of the charge policy will be sent out after the school year begins. The policy will be posted and kept up to date on our food service website. At guhsd.net under the food service tab.