

Strafford R-VI School District Charging Policy

The Board of Education will allow students to charge up to \$-5.00. Once a student reaches \$-5.00 they will be offered an alternative meal. Please make regular deposits into your student's account to maintain a positive balance and to prevent them from receiving an alternative meal.

- The alternative meal consists of a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and student's choice of milk.
- The alternative meal is offered up to five consecutive days
- The alternative meal is offered only at lunch time. It is received at the point of service.
- Payment Options: 1.) In person- You may bring your student's deposit to the office of any building or send it in with your child. 2.) Pay Online: Going through your parent portal and using credit card. (\$2 transaction fee) 3.) Pay by mail: send to 201 W. McCabe, Strafford, Mo. 65757
- Balance on account is checked prior to a student purchasing anything "extra" in order to keep charges at the limit.
- Households are notified the same day their student's account reaches the charging limit via automated messenger and/or by email notification.
- Reminder envelopes are sent home weekly in the Elementary/ECC and Middle School. In the elementary notices begin at \$3 and down. In the Middle School, notices are sent home to any student with a negative balance. HS students are told at point of service and may be handed an envelope too.
- All students can check the balance in their account at the scanner table after serving line is done.
- Students' balance and meal purchases can be viewed at any time on your Parent Portal.
- In May, approximately one week prior to last meal served, no charging will be allowed. This helps ensure that there are no outstanding negative balances at the end of the school year. During this time the alternative meal is offered and provided for students with any negative balance.
- All second meals are charged at full-price regardless of students meal benefits (free/reduced).
- Kindergarten- the afternoon milk offered daily at snack time, cost \$0.30. This cost is the same for all students whether, free, reduced or full-pay. This milk is not a part of the National School Breakfast Program or the National Lunch Program. Charging policies apply to this afternoon milk.
- High School/Middle School- Baked Potato Bar and Salad Bar are offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in lieu of a tray. These meals meet the state nutritional requirements and are applied to the student's meal account the same way a tray is. If a student gets both (tray and food bar), within the same mealtime, then the second meal is served at full-price regardless of student's meal benefit status.
- Snack Bar, pizza, and Chick-Fil-A are cash only. Snack Bar is available daily in HS/MS. Chick -Fil-A is offered on Tuesdays in HS & MS. Pizza is offered in El., MS, and HS on Thursdays.
- Regarding delinquent debt- All fines are to be paid by the end of each school year. Account balances must be below charging limit to attend Field Trips.

