

Charge Policy The Academy of Okmulgee

The Academy of Okmulgee offers nutritious school meals to students at a minimal cost. In order to avoid adversely affecting the school lunch program financially, the School Board establishes policy regarding the charging of school lunches. Negative student balances affect the ability of the Child Nutrition program to operate in a fiscally responsible manner.

- The Academy of Okmulgee strongly encourages student accounts to be prepaid.
- The Academy of Okmulgee discourages the charging of student meals. Students that have charged meals may not exceed \$30.00. If this amount is not paid in a timely manner, then the student could be served an alternate lunch.

- Notices of unpaid charge balances will be sent to the parent/ guardian in a regular and consistent manner to avoid the lunch program carrying charge balances. All Communication will be directly with the parent or guardian. Under no circumstances will a student receive a hand stamp or any other physical marking to show they have unpaid charge balances.
- Employees of The Academy of Okmulgee need to pay for their meals monthly.
- Eligible parents are encouraged to apply for free & reduced lunches under the Federal Government guidelines. Applications are available at the school and on the Academy of Okmulgee website.
- Students will be treated with courtesy and respect regardless of whether or not the parent has provided payment to the school district. If a meal has been served to a student in error the child will

be allowed to consume the meal provided in error. Staff members will be instructed to adhere to this policy. If the staff fails to adhere to the policy disciplinary action shall be taken.

Adopted by the Academy of Okmulgee

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