

# ***Beech Grove City Schools***

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## **FOOD SERVICE INFORMATION CHARGE POLICY 2015-2016**

The food service charge policy has been changed for the 2015-2016 school year. Please read the following carefully.

Beginning this school year, students who lack appropriate funds in their lunch account may charge a full, regular lunch (no a la carte items may be charged). There will no longer be any peanut butter or cheese sandwiches provided instead of a full, regular lunch. At the end of each month in which the student has a negative account balance, a letter will be sent home notifying parents/guardians that their student's account is delinquent. They will have the opportunity to add money to their student's account to bring it up to date. At the end of each quarter, if the account is still showing a negative balance, the amount owed will be sent to a collection agency. The parent/guardian will be responsible for all fees and charges affiliated with collecting the past due lunch account balances.

If a parent/guardian has applied for free or reduced meal status for their student(s), the parent/guardian is responsible for all charges incurred ten (10) days or longer prior to the receipt of their application for free and reduced meal status. Students who have a previous negative balance and are eligible for free meals are allowed a meal regardless of their debt. However, their debt will be sent to a collection service each quarter in which they have a negative balance. The parent/guardian will be responsible for all fees and charges affiliated with collecting the past due lunch account balances.

If parents refuse to provide lunch money and also do not qualify for free or reduced meal benefits the principal and counselor will be informed to determine the next course of action, which may include notifying Child Protection Services.

# Serving Nutritious Meals to every student

Dear Parent,

Every child needs a healthy, filling meal to learn. The Beech Grove City Schools food service program offers nutritious meals to children each school day, often at a free or reduced price for those who need it. We participate in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program (NSLBP), a federally funded program that helps children receive free or reduced meals. Over 224 billion lunches have been served to students in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program since it was founded in 1946.

## **What exactly is a free or reduced price meal?**

These meals are the exact same as what other children are served – there is no “reduced meal.” The price of the meal is reduced or waived for families based on income.

## **Does my family qualify?**

More families are qualified than you may think. To find out if your family qualifies for the free or reduced priced meals, please take five minutes to fill out a free National School Lunch and Breakfast Program Application. You can stop by the you're the main office of your child's school or log on to

<http://www.bgcs.k12.in.us/corporation/department-of-food-services/free-reduced-information/>

If you have trouble completing your school meal application or have additional questions, please feel free to contact the food service department at 317-787-1258.

At Chartwells School Dining Services, nourishing students is not only our business; it is our commitment to the communities in which we serve. We want to make sure students achieve their full potential.

Best Regards,

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