

## **4.51—FOOD SERVICE PREPAYMENT**

### **Meal Charges<sup>1</sup>**

Option 1: The district does not provide credit for students to charge for meals, a la carte, or other food and beverage items available for purchase in the school food service areas. Meals, a la carte, or other food and beverage items may be purchased by either providing payment for the items at the time of receipt or by having a prepaid account with the District that may be charged for the items. Parents, or students choosing to do so, may pay in advance for meals, a la carte, or other food and beverage items through any of the following methods:<sup>2</sup>

- Submitting cash or check payment at Hampton School District<sup>3</sup>;
- Depositing funds through the District's online service;

A student's parents will be contacted by authorized District personnel regarding a student's prepaid account balance at the following times <sup>4</sup>

- The parents be contacted by phone when the student's account has five dollars (\$5) left and to send a letter along with a copy of the policy if the student's account becomes empty.

### **Unpaid Meal Access**

In accordance with Arkansas law, the District allows students whose accounts do not have enough funds to purchase a meal to receive an unpaid reimbursable meal at no charge. The District will notify a student's parents <sup>7</sup>

- When the student's prepaid account balance has dropped to the point that the student will begin receiving unpaid meals;
- Each time the student receives the first unpaid meal after money has been deposited into the student's prepaid account; and
- After the student has received five (5) unpaid meals.

Students who have submitted proper documentation to receive a meal modification in accordance with Policy 4.50—SCHOOL MEAL MODIFICATIONS shall receive the same type of modification for an unpaid meal.

Notes: This policy is similar to policy 7.17. If you change this policy, please review 7.17 at the same time to ensure applicable consistency between the two.

Legal References:     Commissioner's Memo CNU-17-003  
                              Commissioner's Memo CNU-17-024  
                              A.C.A. § 6-18-715

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