

## **School Food Service Meal Charge Policy**

Dayton Independent School District is participating in a Free Breakfast and Lunch Program for the current school year 2017-2018. This alternative is referred to as the Community Eligibility Provision. All students enrolled at Dayton High School, Dayton Middle School and Lincoln Elementary school may participate in the breakfast/lunch program at no charge. Students can still purchase additional drinks, entree items, and snacks. In order for our district to remain eligible for this program, it is crucial that ALL FAMILIES complete the CEP form.

Studies have shown that children who are not hungry perform better in school. By providing breakfast/lunch to all children at no charge, we can create a better learning environment for our students. The school breakfast and lunch that we serve follows U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines for healthy school meals. The Free Breakfast and Lunch Program cannot succeed without your support. Please encourage your children to participate in the school meal programs.

Due to program acceptance of CEP, the current acceptable balance in student and adult accounts would be \$0. Snacks and a la carte items are to be purchased with cash, or with a positive balance on a lunch accounts. Snacks and a la carte items refer to any food item(s) that are not considered a reimbursable meal component and include:

1. Individually wrapped bags of chips, popcorn, etc; desserted items, such as cookies, graham crackers, etc.
2. Smart Snack Compliant drinks, such as Juicy Juice, nonflavored water (k-8), and 16 fl oz calorie free flavored water drinks, and calorie free Powerade
3. Second Entrees and extra milk

Cashiers will be trained to take necessary precautions to prevent negative balances, including but not limited to:

1. Return of snack/a la carte item
2. Request cash be paid before consumption
3. Refusal of student/adult to purchase a la carte for the remainder of the school year

This policy is written to conform to Policy Memo SP-23-2017 that was effective July 1, 2017.