

# CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES

## CHARGE POLICY

Per USDA guidelines, MSDWT is not allowed to incur bad debt from unpaid meal charges. We recognize that there are circumstances that may cause a student to not have money in their account. In the event that a student does not have money to pay for their meal, the following charge limits will be followed.

### **Elementary Schools:**

For students in grades K-5 the first three (3) days that a student has no payment for breakfast and/or lunch, the regular breakfast and lunch will be served and the cost of each meal will be debited from the student's account. After three (3) days without payment, the student will be offered up to three (3) consecutive Courtesy Lunches at no cost.

A friendly reminder notice will be sent home and/or a courtesy phone call made notifying the parent that payment is due. After six (6) consecutive days of non-payment, the student's courtesy lunch privileges may be stopped.

### **Middle Schools: 7/23/2019**

For students in grades 6-8 the first two (2) days that a student has no payment for breakfast and/or lunch, the regular breakfast and lunch will be served and the cost of each meal will be debited from the student's account. After Two (2) days without payment, the student will be offered two (2) consecutive Courtesy Lunches at no cost.

A student who has charged a meal may not charge or purchase "a la carte" items. After five (5) consecutive days of non-payment, the student's courtesy lunch privileges may be stopped.

### **High School:**

Charging of meals is not allowed at North Central High School.

### **Alternate Meals:**

If the number of courtesy meals have been reached, an Alternate Meal may be offered consisting of a Cheese Sandwich, Peanut Butter Sandwich or PBJ Graham Bar; One (1) Fruit or Vegetable serving and a Milk.

Alternate Meals will be tracked at the POS to the student's account so the activity appears on the student history screen. If a student begins receiving Alternate Meals because of non-payment the Child Nutrition Supervisor must be notified by email of the current situation regarding the student's account.