

## Summerfield Schools Meal Charging Policy

This guideline provides consistent directions for students who are eligible for reduced price or paid meals but do not have funds in their account or in hand to cover the cost of their meal at the time of service and shall also address feeding students with unpaid meal balances without stigmatizing them. Students can charge up to 10 dollars, after that they are charged to the nonprofit community group guaranteeing all children eat.

This policy prohibits Summerfield Schools from doing the following to a students who cannot pay for a school meal or who owe a negative balance:

- Requiring students to wear a wristband or handstamp.

- Requiring students to perform chores or other work to pay for school meals.

- Requiring students to dispose of a meal after it has been served because the student is unable to pay for the meal or has a negative balance.

- Direct communication with a student about a negative balance unless Summerfield Schools has unsuccessfully attempted to contact the student's parent or legal guardian first through telephone, mail, and electronic mail.

- Discussing a negative balance with a student in the presence of other students.