



SCHOOL MEAL CHARGE POLICY SCHOOL YEAR 2019-20

DC Prep participates in the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program (NSLP). Any student may participate in the daily meals offered through the program. Breakfast is free for all students. At our Edgewood campuses, depending on family income, students may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals, or pay full price. Families are billed for student meals on a monthly basis via email and are expected to pay within 30 days. Please note that meal charges are incurred if a student chooses to eat a meal from the school on any given day, and that any unpaid meal charges from previous school years may carry over to the following school year. All students at Benning and Anacostia campuses are eligible for free breakfast and lunch within the Community Eligibility Provision.

Due to the DC Healthy Schools Act, students with Free and Reduced lunch status, including direct certification, will eat lunch for free each day. Students with Paid lunch status are charged \$3.25 for each lunch they consume. Below is information that all families with Paid lunch status should note:

Meal Service:

- Students are not required to pay for their meal at the time of service
- Student meals are recorded at the point of service by the teacher or staff member on lunch duty
- All students will receive the same lunch meal, regardless of lunch status

Application:

- Families may request assistance with applying for free or reduced priced meal by speaking with the Operations Assistants at the front desk
- If your financial situation and/or household size changes, please notify your student's campus and fill out a new application
- You may fill out a declination form if you do not wish to fill out the application, but please note that this means that you are consenting to have Paid lunch status

Billing:

- Each month families will receive a bill via email for the previous month's meals consumed by the student
- If hardship occurs and you are unable to pay your outstanding balance each month, please reach out to the campus Operations Manager to set-up a payment plan (see contact information below)
- Follow-up emails and calls will be made to collect on delinquent accounts
- As stated in our Family Handbook, if the balance is not paid, report cards may be withheld and/or your child may not be eligible to participate in field trips
- There is no limit to the number of charges or dollar limit
- After 60 days overdue collections may be referred to a collections agency for payment
- There is a \$35 charge on all returned checks

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