

The Superintendent may enter into a written agreement with the Child Nutrition Program at the State Department of Education in order to procure food and other food related products and services. The Board will comply with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing participation in such child nutrition program.

Guntersville City Child Nutrition Program Student and Adult Meal Policy

Students and parents are accountable to pay for the meals provided through the Guntersville City Schools Child Nutrition Program. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of the online pre-payment system offered by the Child Nutrition Program. Guntersville City Schools encourages parents to prepay meals for their children thereby eliminating situations that could develop during mealtime because of a negative balance or failure to bring money to school.

STUDENTS WITHOUT MONEY FOR BREAKFAST/LUNCH OR A NEGATIVE ACCOUNT BALANCE:

Students are never denied a reimbursable meal; therefore, a student will be provided a reimbursable meal when money is not available to purchase a meal. Students wanting breakfast or lunch that do not have money to purchase the meal will be allowed to charge up to \$8.25. Students may not charge a la carte items or extras.

Parents are encouraged to apply to receive free or reduced-price meals using the online application. Paper applications are available at each school's main office. Please contact the school or the Guntersville City Board of Education Child Nutrition Program (CNP) Director with any questions.

An automated notification option will notify parents/guardians of students with a low or negative account balance on a schedule set by the account holder. The Child Nutrition staff will regularly attempt to notify the school office of students who owe money and notification letters will be sent to parents when applicable. Parents may also be notified by email and phone message when low and negative account balance occurs.

Any uncollected charge will be considered a bad debt. Bad debts are not allowable expenditures for any state, federal, or public local funds. Uncollected charges remaining at the end of the school year will be satisfied annually using non-public funds.

Checks made payable to Guntersville Child Nutrition Program will be processed through Envision Check Recovery system and subject to any and all associated fees for insufficient funds.

ADULT CHARGES:

Adults and employees are not allowed to charge meals and/or a la carte items through the Child Nutrition Program.

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