

## **RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT FOOD SERVICE MEAL CHARGE POLICY**

The Riverview School District Food Services Department has an established meal charge policy in place for all students. The purpose of having a meal charging policy enables our schools to establish consistent and clear food service account procedures throughout the district. It allows the district to maintain fiscal integrity and solvency of the food service department while providing meal options that meet the nutritional needs of our students. All efforts are made to avoid meal charges, but understand that an occasional emergency or forgetfulness may make it necessary. These charges are a temporary solution and are not intended to address issues of a parent/guardian's inability to pay for their child's meals. In those instances, an application for free or reduced meal benefits should be completed.

Students at all schools are allowed to charge two full lunches to their food service account if it goes negative. The student's parent/guardian will receive written notification of the account balance with the expectation that the outstanding balance will be paid in full.

The Food Service Department has set goals to ensure the success of the program and they are as follows:

- To provide our students with a healthy, flavorful meal.
- To treat all students with dignity and confidentiality in the serving line.
- To ensure that no child goes hungry.
- To foster open and clear communication with staff, students and parent/guardians.
- To maintain the charge policy consistently throughout the district regarding meal charges.

### **SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY**

#### ***The Food Service Department:***

Responsible for providing healthy meals that meet nutritional standards for students of the Riverview School District.

To keep accurate food service account records and provide consistent communication with parents/guardians regarding low balances and charged meals.

#### ***The Parent/Guardian:***

Responsible for immediate payment for student meal purchases and promoting self-responsibility of their child/student.