RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The Riverside Community School District Board of Education in compliance with United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service adopted a Meal Charge Policy (School Board Policy 711.5 regarding school nutrition program for the 2022-2023 school year. The school nutrition program is legally obligated to be a self-sustaining program. Family lunch accounts are not intended to be used as charge accounts, rather depository accounts whereby students can withdraw funds to purchase meals. Students do not have individual lunch accounts. A family lunch account is maintained which includes a total balance for the entire family that is reduced when any member of the family purchases a meal, second meal, extra milk, or a la carte item from the school's nutrition program.

In order to assist parents in maintaining a positive family lunch account balance, the district has the following services available:

Parents may monitor family lunch account balances through our Student Information System-JMC. Parents also can set up automatic notifications when the family account balance falls below a dollar amount set by the parent. District secretaries can assist with setting up this feature.

Online lunch account/fee/fine payments may be made by credit/debit card or e-check through www.payforit.net. Parents may also check payment history, review outstanding charges, and set up automated email reminders through payforit.net. A link is included on the district's homepage.

Check/Cash/Credit Card payments are accepted at the main office of each district building

The district will send email and/or mail notifications periodically for each family account with a balance that falls below $10.00.

Free/Reduced meal applications are available at each building office and during registration. Please note that applications must be submitted annually and when household information or income changes. It is very important for families to have eligibility determined by completing and submitting the form.

In an effort to allow the district's nutrition program to remain self-sustaining while striving to keep future meal price increases to a minimum, the district has implemented the following for the 2021-2022 school year:

Breakfast prices: $1.50 per meal -- Lunch prices: $2.55 per meal -- Adult Lunch Price: $4.13
When a student takes seconds or purchases an al carte item the account is charged!!

When a family lunch account balance falls below -$10.00 per family member, each family member will receive an alternative meal. (i.e. one family member eating school meals = -$10.00 balance before alternate meals are provided, two family members eating school meals = -$20.00 balance, etc.)
The alternative meal will consist of a cheese sandwich, fruit, and milk at a cost of $0.50 per meal
Alternative meals will be provided until the family lunch account balance is positive or payment arrangements have been made with the district's business office.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.
Please contact Dr. Timothy Mitchell with any questions regarding this policy. 712-484-2212 or tmitchell@riverside.k12.ia.us

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