

Chapter 3-Student Fees and Meal Costs

Fines, Fees, and Charges; Waiver of Student Fees

The school establishes fees and charges to fund certain school activities. Students will not be denied the opportunity to participate in curricular and extracurricular programs of the school district due to the inability of their parent or guardian to pay fees or certain charges. Students whose parent or guardian is unable to afford student fees may receive a fee waiver. A fee waiver applies to all fees related to school, instruction, and extracurricular activities.

Applications for fee waivers may be obtained from the school office and may be submitted by a parent or guardian of a student who has been assessed a fee. A student is eligible for a fee waiver if at least one of the following prerequisites are met:

- The student currently lives in a household that meets the same income guidelines, with the same limits based on household size, that are used for federal free meals programs;
- The student's parent is a veteran or active-duty military personnel with income at or below 200% of the federal poverty line;
- The student is homeless, as defined by the Mc-Kinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

The Superintendent will give additional consideration where one or more of the following factors are present:

- An illness in the family;
- Unusual expenses such as fire, flood, storm damage, etc.;
- Unemployment;
- Emergency situations; or
- When one or more of the parents/guardians are involved in a work stoppage.

The Superintendent will notify the parent/guardian promptly as to whether the fee waiver request has been granted or denied. Questions regarding the fee waiver application process or an appeal of the District's decision to deny a fee waiver should be addressed to the District Office.

Pursuant to the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act, the school is required to provide a federally reimbursable meal or snack to a student who requests one, regardless of whether the student has the ability to pay for the meal or snack or owes money for earlier meals or snacks. Students may not be provided with an alternative meal or snack and the school is prohibited from publicly identifying or stigmatizing a student who cannot pay for or owes money for a meal or snack.

Lunch Period and Lunch Money

Lunch money may be deposited electronically through Teacherease at any time. JRW students may deposit lunch money into their accounts via their homeroom teacher at the beginning of the day. SMS and SHS students may deposit lunch money into their accounts before school in the office.

All Student/Parent Handbook guidelines and rules apply to students during lunch.

- Students are allowed to bring beverages to school and keep them in their locker until lunchtime. Glass bottles are prohibited. Beverages are to be consumed in the cafeteria only.
- Restaurant food may not be delivered/brought to school for lunch.
- Objects, including but not limited to food, may not be thrown at any time on school property.
- Inappropriate language or behavior, such as but not limited to profanity, horseplay, inappropriate physical contact with or towards another student, or being disrespectful to other students or staff members is prohibited.

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- Students are responsible for cleaning up after themselves in the cafeteria. At times students may be asked to help the staff with these responsibilities as well.
- Students are to remain in the cafeteria until their lunch period is over. If they need to leave the cafeteria, they are to receive permission from the lunchroom supervisor.
- Students are to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner as they would in any other school/classroom setting. Disciplinary action may be taken with violations of the Student/Parent Handbook, which may include, but is not limited to, detention(s), in-school(s), or Out of School Suspensions.
- Students may not leave the school grounds during lunch. Students must deposit lunch money into their accounts before school in the cafeteria.