

SECTION: OPERATIONS
 TITLE: MEAL ACCOUNTS
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CENTRAL FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

808.1. MEAL ACCOUNTS	
1. Purpose	Each year, students forget, lose, and misuse their meal money. For this reason, the Board adopts this policy to govern situations when students do not have meal money or when their meal accounts have insufficient funds.
2. Definition	For purposes of this policy, the term meal accounts means daily, weekly or monthly money paid toward meals.
3. Authority	<p>The Board shall permit students to incur reasonable charges for meals, and parents/guardians shall be contacted for payment.</p> <p>Reasonable charges shall not exceed five dollars (\$5.00) per student for each school year.</p> <p>Unpaid meal charges for a student shall result in the school withholding the final report card until the charges are paid in full, and/or withholding activities as detailed in the Student-Parent Handbook.</p>
4. Guidelines	<p>Students may not charge meals in excess of five dollars (\$5.00). If a student's account exceeds this limit, his/her parents/guardians will be notified. If the student's account is not brought up to date within five (5) days s/he will be on a "cash only" status. Students listed as "cash only" must either pay the cash value for a school meal each day or bring a lunch from home. Students whose accounts are designated as "cash only" and who do not bring cash or a lunch from home will be provided with the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grades 4K – 5 will be provided with a reimbursable lunch. This will be provided at the regular cost of a school lunch and will be charged to the student's lunch account. 2. Students in grades 6 – 12 who do not bring cash or a lunch from home will be given a peanut butter and jelly sandwich (or reasonable substitute) for no charge. No beverage or other side items will be provided. Students who qualify for free lunch status will continue to receive a reimbursable lunch.

3. Students will remain on cash only status until the account balance is paid in full.

Balance Reports for students with a negative account balance will be run weekly and sent home to parents/guardians to allow them sufficient notice to bring their child's account up to date before a "cash only" letter is issued. Parents/Guardians may also view their child's account via the school web page at www.cfsd.info or www.cfsd.info/parent. The five dollar (\$5.00) limit represents the minimum requirement of three (3) meals charged without payment by the National School Lunch Program Policy, FNS #765-7, Handling of Lost, Stolen And Misused Meal Tickets.

Students with a negative account balance of less than zero may not pre-pay for future meals. A student may pay cash for his/her lunch on any given day. Any monies over the amount of that day's meal must be put toward the balance owed. Only students with a meal balance of zero or greater may pre-pay for meals in advance.

A la carte' items are not part of the lunch program and cannot be charged. Students with a negative account balance may not purchase a la carte' items even with cash. A la carte' items are a privilege and may only be purchased if a student's lunch account has sufficient funds to cover the purchase.