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The District does not provide credit for students to charge meals, a la carte, or other food and beverage items available for purchase during meal service. Items may be purchased by either providing payment for the items at the time of receipt or by prepayment. Parents or students choosing to prepay for meals, a la carte, or other food and beverage items may do so by:

- Submitting cash or check payment to the school, or
- Depositing funds through the District's online service.

While credit is not permitted, any student going through the line during meal service will be provided with a regular meal tray regardless of the balance of the account. The meal will be charged to the student's account, and the parents/legal guardian will be responsible for payment. Parents/Legal Guardians wishing to avoid these charges, when a student's account balance is not sufficient to cover the cost of the meal, must send a meal to school with the student. A la carte items and other food and beverage items available in addition to the regular meal may not be purchased unless there are sufficient funds in the student's account or the student pays for the items at the time of receipt. The school will notify the parents/legal guardian, using the contact information on file with the school, when the student's lunch account balance is not sufficient to cover the cost of a meal.

Students who have submitted proper documentation to receive a meal modification in accordance with Policy 4.55 - School Lunch Substitutions shall receive the same type of modification regardless of the balance of the student's account.

Legal Reference: A.C.A. § 6-18-715

Reference: ASBA Model Policies

Commissioner's Memo CNU-17-003

Commissioner's Memo CNU-17-024

Commissioner's Memo CNU-20-006