

Greenfield Public Schools
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Borrowing (Charging) Meals 2011-2012

The School Lunch /Breakfast program is a non-profit business that is not supported by local tax dollars. All monies needed to operate come from daily revenues and state and federal subsidies. Any funds in excess of those needed for day to day operation are used to purchase new equipment and maintain existing equipment. We are also required to have a reserve to cover periods of decreased revenue.

Since its inception the National School Lunch Program has always had as its premise the desire to ensure that school age children had adequate nourishment. Recent studies have conclusively associated proper nourishment with a child's ability to learn. To that end we have no desire to deny any child the opportunity to eat a meal in the Greenfield Public School Cafeteria; however we cannot allow students to borrow meals without consequence.

The following policies are currently in effect:

Greenfield High School: High School students are presumed to be responsible enough to have money to purchase meals with them daily. High School Students are not allowed to borrow in the cafeteria at all.

Greenfield Middle School: Middle School Students are also presumed to be responsible enough to bring money with them daily. However we recognize that they may forget on occasion. Should a Middle School student forget their lunch money they will be given a cold cheese sandwich and milk. There will be a charge of \$ 2.00 made to the student account. And the parent will be notified.

Greenfield Elementary Schools: The computerized point of sale tracks those accounts that have a negative balance. Notices will be sent home at a minimum of every week. If your child owes money to the cafeteria we would appreciate your prompt response. If after five days of "borrowing" the account has not been paid, the student will be given a cold cheese sandwich and milk. There will be a charge of \$ 2.00 made to the student account. The parent will be notified. The student will no longer receive meals SEVEN DAYS FROM THE MAILING OF THE COLLECTION LETTER or at the time of mailing if you have exceeded the limits on this type of account. If you need to work out a payment plan (call the individual school cafeteria manager; or need to file an application for free or reduced lunch, please request an additional copy of the application from your school.

If a negative balance exceeds the total of fifteen dollars for a middle school student or thirteen dollars and fifty cents for an elementary student or two dollars and forty cents for a reduced price student, the above will apply. If a student's status changes, the parent must pay the bill in full in order to revert to a regular meal.

For all Greenfield Public School Parents: If you wish to pay ahead for your child/children meals you may do so for your own convenience. There will be a bonus policy of one free meal for every Fifty Dollars paid in advance. In the 2011-2012 school year, payments may be made online. Information will be available on our web site. For further information please go to our website www.gpsk12.org and click on the MyNutrikids.com link. From this link, you may pay your child's account. All you will need is the child's name, student ID number and the zip code 01301. or see our instructions under the GPSK dropdown bar on the website.