

Food Service Charging Policy

It is the policy of the Bethany Board of Education to ensure that each student receive healthy and nutritious meals through the District's Food Service Program, regardless of the socio-economic status of a family.

In order to sustain the Food Service Program, the Program cannot permit the excessive charging of student meals. Therefore, any charging of meals must be consistent with this policy and its accompanying regulations. The Superintendent shall develop regulations designed to effectively and respectfully address family responsibility for unpaid meals.

The Board encourages any parent/guardian who anticipates a problem with paying for meals to contact the Superintendent, Principal or Guidance Counselor as soon as possible for assistance.

Legal Reference: Operational Memorandum # 15-14, Student Debt and Unpaid Meal Charges, Connecticut State Department of Education (February 27, 2014).

Operational Memorandum # 19-10, Unallowable Charges to Non-profit School Food Service Accounts and the Servicing of Meals to Non-paying Full and Reduced Price Students, Connecticut State Department of Education (August 5, 2010).

United States Department of Agriculture, Letter from Under Secretary Kevin Concannon to Chief State School Officers regarding Unpaid Meal Charges (February 2014).

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