

**Food Service Charging**

The Bethany Public School District's (District) nutrition program is an extension of the educational programs and it is the District's vision to have a partnership among students, staff, families and the community in offering access to and providing nutritious meals, which are attractively presented at an affordable price.

In order to sustain the District's food service program, the District cannot permit the excessive charging of student meals. Therefore, any charging of meals must be consistent with this policy and its accompanying regulation. 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 for assistance.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes § 10-215

Connecticut General Statutes § 10-215a

Connecticut General Statutes § 10-215b

State of Connecticut, Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education Operational Memorandum# 4-17, "Guidance of Unpaid Meal Charges and Collection of Delinquent Meal Payments" (November 2, 2016)

State of Connecticut, Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education, 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," (August 5, 2010).

National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program; Competitive Foods (7 CFR Parts 210 and 220, Federal Register, Vol 45, No 20, Tuesday, January 29, 1980, pp 6758-6772

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

United States Department of Agriculture SP 46-2016, "Unpaid Meal Charges: Local Meal Charge Policies"

United States Department of Agriculture SP 47-2016, "Unpaid Meal Charges: Clarification on Collection of Delinquent Meal Payment"

United States Department of Agriculture SP 57-2016, "Unpaid Meal Charges: Guidance and Q and A"

## **BUSINESS AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS**

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Legal References: United States Department of Agriculture SP 58-2016, "2016 Edition: Overcoming the Unpaid Meal Challenge: Proven Strategies from Our Nation's Schools"

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