

THE ACADEMY OF SEMINOLE



Cafeteria Charge Policy

The Academy of Seminole offers nutritious school meals to students at a minimal cost. In order to avoid adversely affecting the school lunch program financially, the School Board establishes policy regarding the charging of school lunches. Negative student balances affect the ability of the Child Nutrition program to operate in a fiscally responsible manner.

- The Academy of Seminole strongly encourages student accounts to be pre-paid.
- The Academy of Seminole discourages the charging of student meals. Students that have charged meals may not exceed \$30.00. If this amount is not paid in a timely manner, then the student could be served an alternate lunch.
- Notices of unpaid charge balances will be sent to the parent/ guardian on a regular and consistent manner to avoid the lunch program carrying charge balances. All communication will be directly with the parent or guardian. Under no circumstances will a student receive a hand stamp or any other physical marking to show they have unpaid charge balances.
- Employees of The Academy of Seminole will need to pay for their meals monthly.
- Parents who are eligible are encouraged to apply for free & reduced lunches under the Federal Government guidelines. Applications are available at the school and on the Academy of Seminole website.
- Students will be treated with courtesy and respect regardless of whether or not the parent has provided payment to the school district. If a meal has been served to a student in error the child will be allowed to consume the meal that was provided in error. Staff members will be instructed to adhere to this policy.

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