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School Nutrition Department

2020-2021

Student Meal Charge Policy Notification

Atlanta Public Schools provides all students with healthy school meals based on the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations that meet the daily nutritional needs of students and support optimal academic performance.

In accordance with USDA regulations and policies Atlanta Public Schools requires that each household complete and submit the attached Student Meal Charge Waiver Form.

Students are expected to pay the full price for meals until the free and reduced meal application has been processed and the eligibility status is sent to the school. Students in a paying meal status who have insufficient funds for meal payment will be allowed to incur and accumulate a charge balance. The District's Delinquent Student Accounts Policy can be reviewed at <http://www.atlantapublicschoolsnutrition.us>

In the event that student school meal accounts become delinquent, the district will continue to make school meals available to students, unless the parents have consented in writing to withholding meals and/or the delinquency has reached a predetermined amount set by the district.

The total accumulated balance must be paid in full before the end of the school year. Any remaining unpaid balance will be referred to an external firm to collect the debt owed.

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Serving Healthy Meals for Student Success
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The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last 4 digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last 4 digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced-price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.