

**The School District of Waukesha has the following policy in place regarding negative lunch accounts:**

**Elementary Schools:**

- Each student will be able to “charge” up to 2 meals, up to a negative balance of \$4.20.
- If the account is not brought current, students will be able to eat lunch, but if they do not bring in money to pay for their meal, they will only have the option to charge a cheese sandwich and carton of milk. This will be at a charge of \$1.50 per meal and added to their negative balance.
- If a student brings in money to pay for their meal, they will be allowed to purchase a meal or ala carte item(s), but will not be allowed to charge any of it.
- Once the account is brought out of the negative, the student will be able to charge meals again, as long as the account does not go below negative \$4.20.

**Middle Schools:**

- Each student will be able to “charge” up to 2 meals, up to a negative balance of \$4.70.
- If the account is not brought current, students will be able to eat lunch, but if they do not bring in money to pay for their meal, they will only have the option of a cheese sandwich and carton of milk. This will be at a charge of \$1.50 per meal and added to their negative balance.
- If a student brings in money to pay for their meal, they will be allowed to purchase a meal or ala carte item, but will not be allowed to charge any of it.
- Once the account is brought out of the negative, the student will be able to charge meals again, as long as the account does not go below negative \$4.70.

**High Schools:**

- High school students will not be allowed to “charge” any meals or food items. They are expected to have money in their lunch accounts or bring money to pay for their purchases.

**Students approved for free at any grade level:**

- No student who is approved for free lunch should ever be declined the standard meal, or served the cheese sandwich, because of a negative balance of any amount. But the above rules do apply for any extra meals or ala carte purchases.

Parents are expected to monitor their student’s lunch accounts and know when they need to have money added. This can be done via the Infinite Campus parent portal. The district will do it’s best to let student’s know when they need to bring in money, but it is ultimately the parent’s responsibility to ensure that their student has money in their account if they are going to be participating in the school lunch program.