



RIVER CITY SCIENCE ACADEMY

River City Science Academy (RCSA) School Lunch and Breakfast Program

Meal Charge Policy

	Breakfast	Lunch
<i>Free Eligible Status</i>	No charge	No charge
<i>Reduced Eligible Status</i>	\$0.30	\$0.40
<i>Paid Eligible Status</i>	\$3.50	\$5.25

Unpaid Meal Policy

We strongly believe that nutritious meals are a vital component to a healthy school environment and that they may enhance learning while helping to minimize illness, absences and disciplinary problems.

It shall be the policy of our schools that when a meal is desired, payment for that meal is expected in advance or on that day unless the student has been approved for free meal benefits.

It is the duty of the parent/guardian and/or student to track cafeteria account balances. Free/reduced meal applications must be completed every year and are part of the annual paperwork. Online applications are available on RCSA website. Paper applications are also available at each school and can be sent via e mail. Applications are accepted at any time throughout the school year.

For students who have negative balances, RCSA will follow the steps below:

Days of Negative Balance	Resultant Action
1	Students can get lunch; parent contact (email)
2	Students can get lunch; parent contact (phone calls, e mail and other means of school communications)
3	Students cannot get any A La Carte item until funds are deposited into the SLA lunch account.

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- Students approved for free meals cannot be denied a meal.
- For Kindergarten and Elementary students with negative balances: Appropriate officials will remind parents with confidentiality and discreet regarding negative balances.
- For Middle School students with negative balances: Appropriate officials will remind parents with confidentiality and discreetness regarding negative balances.
- For High School students with negative balances: Appropriate officials will remind parents and/or students with confidentiality and discreet regarding negative balances.
- For PAID Students who have minus \$20.00 or more balance after three (3) attempts to collect or have a consequence for negative balances will be alert. They are not allowed to receive reimbursable meals and A la carte items.
- For Reduced-Price Students who have minus \$20.00 or more balance after three (3) attempts to collect or have a consequence for negative balances will be alert. They are not allowed to receive reimbursable meals and A la carte items.
- For Free Students who have minus \$20.00 or more balance after three (3) attempts to collect or have a consequence for negative balances will be alert. They are not allowed to receive 2nd reimbursable meals and A la carte items.
- Students who have consequences for negative balance will not be eligible to participate in school field trips and senior privileges.
- Prevent overt identification of children eligible for free, reduced price, and paid meals.
- The Policy will be distributed to all households.

Site Business Specialist will inform all parents/guardians regarding to his/her student's negative balances and remind them to replenish student's accounts.

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