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Student Lunch Account Policy Sleepy Eye Public School ISD#84

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to impart to students, employees and the community the school district's policy related to student needs and charges associated with the school nutritional program.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Nutritional services are provided through the district in compliance with federal standards and in the best interest of students' overall education and wellness. Therefore, this policy is established to support the nutritional needs of each student in a dignified, respectful manner, while communicating the right of the district to seek reimbursement, when applicable, for school meals, or provide a modified meal.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The school board expects all students to receive a school meal, regular or modified.
- B. The district will establish and communicate costs of school-provided meals to parents. Students who do not qualify under the free and reduced lunch program will be charged this amount.
- C. Therefore, for those who incur charges:
 - a) Prepayment is strongly recommended.
 - b) When a meal account is approaching a low balance, a notice will be sent to the parent or legal guardian.
 - c) When an account has a \$0 balance, a notice will again be sent to the parent or legal guardian.
 - d) When an account has reached a negative balance of \$10, a modified meal will be made available to the student in lieu of the regular meal. A modified meal will be defined as a meat or cheese sandwich and a carton of milk. The cost of the modified meal will be .50 cents per day.
 - e) A modified meal will continue to be made available to the student until the balance has been paid in full.
 - f) Failure to remit payment to the district for charges associated with school meal(s) before the end of the school year will result in the district seeking repayment, delinquent accounts will be turned over to Collections and may include reconciliation via small claims court.