



# COVINA-VALLEY

## UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! We are happy to continue supporting student learning by offering nutritious meals to CVUSD students. This letter highlights the main points of the District’s Meal Charge Policy with the goal of preventing common misunderstandings that have resulted in some families owing significant debt and kept students from participating in special life events like prom, grad night, and promotion ceremonies. ***Please read the following carefully.***

Students are charged for meals at the published rates below as of the first day of school. If a family has not submitted a new meal application for the new school year or has not been directly certified by the state, you will be charged for and required to pay for all food and beverage items consumed by your student(s). **Parents are responsible for any meal balance accrued prior to applying for free or reduced school meals, any balance accrued by their child throughout the school year, and any accrued balance from prior school years.** These balances even follow students to other school districts, and federal guidelines prevent waiving or forgiving accrued balances.

<u>ES</u>	<b>Full Pay</b>	<b>Red. Price</b>	<u>MS</u>	<b>Full Pay</b>	<b>Red. Price</b>	<u>HS</u>	<b>Full Pay</b>	<b>Red. Price</b>
Breakfast	\$ 1.25	\$ 0.25		\$ 1.50	\$ 0.25		\$ 1.50	\$ 0.25
Lunch	\$ 2.50	\$ 0.40		\$ 3.00	\$ 0.40		\$ 3.50	\$ 0.40

**Alternate Meals:** Full pay elementary students may charge up to \$10.00 before receiving an alternate meal. Full pay middle and high school students may charge up to \$7.00 before receiving an alternate meal. The alternate meal will consist of a ham or turkey and cheese sandwich, fruit, vegetable, and milk. Water, juice, or milk may **not** be purchased if a student has a negative balance. If a student has a negative balance, any payment received will be applied to the negative balance first.

All school sites enforce a debt policy that includes student meal debt, which can result in restricting student activities until all student debt is paid. Consistently sending students to school without adequate nutritious food or providing adequate resources to purchase a meal is a sign of student neglect. While we hope to avoid such a situation, if it does occur, administration may be forced to investigate which could lead to further action up to and including reporting the situation to Child Protective Services. If your financial situation changes throughout the school year, you can re-apply for free or reduced meals at Nutrition Services in the District office.

To avoid unnecessary issues, families that do not qualify for free meals should maintain a positive meal balance by pre-paying for expected meal consumption. Meals can be paid by using cash or check at the school site or online at <https://www.k12paymentcenter.com/>.

The District’s Meal Charge Policy, and online meal application can be found at <https://bit.ly/2ImIhSw>. If you need help completing your meal application, have questions regarding policies, or how to repay your meal debt, please feel free to contact the Nutrition Services department at (626) 974-7600 extension 800133.

Sincerely,

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