

Gilmer County Charter Schools

Charge Policy

Student Meal Charges

Students who need to charge breakfast or lunch, will be given a complete reimbursable meal.

School Nutrition staff will inform students that meal balance is low or delinquent as they come through the serving line.

Student meal account letters will be given to homeroom teachers weekly to be sent home.

Once charges reach \$10, parent notification (phone call, email) will be made by School Nutrition staff.

Weekly list of students who owe \$10 or more will be given to the principals of each school.

A charge amount of \$15 or more will result in a letter and a Free/Reduced application mailed home to parent weekly.

Charges reaching \$25 or above will result in a phone call to the parents from the School Nutrition Office.

Once charge amount reaches \$50, the principal will phone the parents to discuss the situation.

If meal charges reach the amount of \$50 or above and cannot be collected from the family through school based contact, the debt will be turned over to a collection agency.

Students in grades 6-12 will not be allowed to participate in end of the year activities who owe meal charges.

It is the goal of the school district to eliminate the debt at the end of each academic year.

Adult Meal Charges

Visitors may not charge.

School employees may charge up to \$10/month. All charges must be paid in full on or before the 5th of the following month.

Extra Items/ A La Carte

If a student owes charges, he/she will not be allowed to purchase a la carte items, extra milk or juice, or side items off the serving line until the charges are paid.

If a student brings a meal from home and wishes to get a milk or juice from the school cafeteria, the student must either have cash in hand or money in his/her account. *This includes students who receive Free and Reduced price meals.*