

# USDA National School Breakfast and Lunch Program

## Barstow Memorial School Account Charge Policy

These rules apply to all schools that are participating in the National School Lunch Program. Per USDA regulation {2 CFR §200.426}, bad/uncollectable debt is not an allowable cost to be incurred within the school food service program.

### **Charge Policy:**

All accounts for students will be set to allow charges for reimbursable **meals only**; no ala carte charges will be permitted.

- Milk is considered ala carte and can only be charged to the meal account if the account is in good standing. Otherwise, the student will be encouraged to take a reimbursable meal, which includes milk. Please note that in many schools milk is available on the share table and fresh water is always available to students free of charge.
- No balance in arrears shall be allowed beyond the limit of [2] lunches for elementary schools.
- No balance in arrears shall be allowed beyond the limit of [1] lunches for middle schools.
- There is a no charge policy for meals and ala carte for high schools.

We do however understand that there may be circumstances where procedure will supersede the policy. Upon our attempts via weekly student account balance notifications, parent phone calls and/or emails, school administration will be contacted if payment is unobtainable. During this time, no meals will be served unless directed by a school administrator in writing.

**Adult/staff meal accounts** will be set to a no charge status. The account must be in a good standing to allow meal and/or ala carte purchases to be charged to an adult/staff meal account.