

LOCAL MEAL CHARGE POLICY

CONCORDIA CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.

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Children need healthy meals to learn. Concordia Charter School, Inc. offers healthy meals every school day, and is committed to ensuring all students have access to nutritious meals.

Breakfast costs \$1.75; lunch costs \$3.00. Children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Reduced-price is \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch.

All students are encouraged to apply for free and reduced meal benefits upon enrollment/re-enrollment at Concordia Charter School. Eligibility is determined on numerous factors, as defined by the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP). **This meal benefit status is kept confidential.**

Concordia commits to the following:

- Students will only be charged for reimbursable meals, which include specific required components. Nutrition Services staff will direct students on these requirements. Concordia Charter School does not charge for a la carte items, such as milk or fruit.
- Meal charges will be communicated discretely and confidentially with households on a regular basis (monthly, unless otherwise arranged).
- Only the appropriate school officials trained on the USDA's confidentiality requirements who have a legitimate need to access a student's account balance or eligibility information will be allowed to access and/or request payment from families.
- Students with outstanding balances will not be singled out or identified in any way. They will receive the same reimbursable meal as other students regardless of meal charge balance.
- Payments are to be made at the front office with Mrs. Patino. Families experiencing financial hardship to pay outstanding balances should discuss the matter with Mrs. Patino.
- The school will work with families to develop a payment plan as needed.

Please direct any questions or concerns to Mrs. Acosta, Nutrition Services Director, at 480-461-0555 or rgomezacosta@concordiacharter.org