

Negative Lunch Balance Policy

Oak Grove Lutheran School will be implementing a new lunch balance policy for the 2017/2018 school year. Families are expected to provide a lunch from home or provide their child with cash or money deposited in their child's meal account to purchase school meals. It is vital for students to have a nutritious meal each day to perform their best in the classroom.

The following changes will be implemented:

1. When a student's account reaches -\$25.00, ala carte purchases will no longer be allowed. Students will be verbally and privately notified by the principal.
2. When a student's account reaches -\$50.00, the business office will send a letter home to the family, along with a free/reduced application.
3. When a student's account reaches -\$100.00, the student will no longer be allowed to eat hot lunch at Oak Grove Lutheran School. The principal will schedule a meeting with the student and guardian to discuss the negative lunch balance.

It is not the intent of the school or the food service staff to punish or embarrass any student. Please do not put your child in the awkward position of not having money for meals. There are many ways to avoid consequences of this new policy.

- ∞ Utilize our online lunch payment program at www.myschoolbucks.com. Every family can create a free account to view your child's lunch balance at any time. You can conveniently and securely make online lunch payments or schedule a reoccurring low-balance payment. There is a \$1.95 transaction fee for each payment, but viewing your child's lunch account, balance, and purchases are free.
- ∞ Call the business office if you are experiencing a financial hardship. We are always willing to work with a family when they communicate with us.
- ∞ Send cash with your student. Students can purchase a meal with cash, even when there is a negative balance.