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GFA Meal Charge Policy

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I. Purpose of Policy

The purpose of this policy is to communicate and institute a consistent meal charge policy between Good Foundations Academy and the parents/guardians of our students. Policy goals include:

- Treating all students with dignity and respect regardless of account status
- Promote positive relationships between the Administration, Food Service Department and the parent(s)/guardian(s) of our students
- Encourage parent(s)/guardian(s) to assume the responsibility of meal account payments
- Avoid putting a financial burden on the School Food Service Program

II. Policy

- Good Foundations Academy participates in the USDA National School Lunch Program. Lunch is served each school day at the rate of $2.30.
- Good Foundations Academy participates in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. You may apply at any time on GFA's webpage or contact the office for a current application. A new form must be completed each school year to continue eligibility.
- The rate for free or reduced lunch is $0.
- Families who qualify for free and reduced lunches, but accrued negative balances prior to applying
  are responsible for the payment of those charges.
- Families who do not qualify for free or reduced priced meals are expected to provide a lunch from home or provide their child with money deposited in their child's meal account to purchase
  school meals. An account can be set up and viewed at any time through GFA's website.
- Parent(s)/guardian(s) are encouraged to pre-pay lunch accounts through the website or in the office to avoid negative balances.

- Families will be contacted weekly in writing when a meal account balance is less than $20.
- Families will be contacted by phone if a written notice yields no response.
- If a family is non responsive to contact by the Food Service Department to collect unpaid meal charges, they will be contacted by the Administration.
- Families of exiting students will be responsible for any outstanding payments due on meal account.
- Parent(s)/guardian(s) of students with negative meal balances are expected to send a home lunch until the account is current.
- Families may meet with the Administration at any time to establish payment plans for outstanding balances.
- A student will not be denied a USDA approved reimbursable meal at any time, however the account will be charged and continue to accrue a balance.

III. Compliance

Good Foundations Academy complies with all National School Lunch Program regulations.