Unpaid Meal Charges

The Board of Education of USD 432 hereby outlines the district's Meal Charging Requirements:

A charge account for students paying full or reduced price for meals may be established with the district. Students may charge no more than $250 worth of meals to this account.

At least three written warnings shall be provided to a student and the student's parent or guardian. At this point, the district may deny meals for exceeding the district's charge limit. If the debt is not paid by June 30 of the given school year, it shall be considered bad debt for the purposes of federal law concerning unpaid meal charges. If the family receives a mileage check at the end of the school year,

they are given the mileage check and then must reimburse the school for the bad debt. Bad debt must be written off as an operating loss and restored using non-Federal funds, even if it has been turned over for collection through other legal means.

Payments for school meals may be made at the school or district office. Students, parents, and guardians of students are encouraged to prepay meal costs.

The district will provide a copy of this unpaid meal charges policy to households at or before the start of school each year and to families and students that transfer into the district at the time of transfer.

The terms of this policy will also be communicated to all district staff responsible for enforcing any aspects of the policy. Records of how and when it is communicated to households and staff will be retained.

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