

## **Canton Local Meal Charge Policy**

Canton Local is honored to provide nutritious meals to our students and staff. The Nutrition Services Department is a self-sustaining enterprise fund and must generate funds through student and adult meal sales, smart snack sales, and federal and state reimbursements in order to pay all operating expenses. Canton Local has adopted a meal charge policy for students and staff and is as follows:

**When a student forgets lunch money, we have established the following procedures to:**

- Treat all students with dignity and respect;
- Encourage parents to assume the responsibility of meal payments and to promote self-responsibility of the students;

### **Meal Charge / Alternative Meal Procedure**

1. When a student has less than \$3.00 prepaid lunches remaining in his/her lunch account, the cashier will remind the student to bring in lunch money.
2. If however a child's account reaches into the negative, the Nutrition Services Department will allow meal charges for all students, so they can continue to receive the nourishment they need, unless a student's parent / guardian has specifically provided written permission to the school to withhold a meal.
3. Students may not charge a la carte items.
4. Adults are not permitted to charge.

Meal Applications for free or reduced meals are available on our website and paper copies can be requested at any time of the year simply by calling 330-484-8010. All information is kept confidential and at no time will the Nutrition Services Department give out meal status information unless a parent requests that we do so.