



# CHIPPEWA VALLEY SCHOOLS

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**Setting the Standard for Educational Excellence**  
*Inspiring and empowering learners to achieve a lifetime of success*

**Ronald R. Roberts**  
Superintendent

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

At Chippewa Valley Schools we strive to provide every student with an outstanding educational experience. This includes the quality of the auxiliary services we provide to our families including our food service program. Please take a moment to read the following as our procedures regarding students without breakfast/lunch money has changed.

## **Meal Charge and Supplement Meal Procedures**

- I. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this policy is to establish consistent meal charge and supplement meal procedures for Chippewa Valley Schools (CVS).
- II. **GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**
  - A. CVS recognizes the parent/guardian's responsibility to provide breakfast and lunch for their children. Proper nutrition is essential for adequate learning to occur.
  - B. It is the policy of CVS to offer lunch and breakfast in accordance to USDA regulations. The Food Service Department strives to produce quality, nutritional meals at reasonable cost.
  - C. Students may purchase meals with funds deposited into their account; [www.Sendmoneytoschool.com](http://www.Sendmoneytoschool.com). Please note there is a \$1.50 handling fee per transaction when using [Chippewavalley.familyportal.cloud](http://Chippewavalley.familyportal.cloud). We also accept cash and checks at the register.
  - D. The Food Services Program is not obligated or required by law to provide meals to students who forget their money or have insufficient funds on account.

### ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

As a courtesy, Chippewa Valley Schools will allow elementary students to charge one reimbursable meal when they don't have the funds to cover the cost of the meal. Until the negative balance is paid in full, a student will not be allowed to charge another meal. Instead, a student will be provided a \*supplemental meal. The supplemental meal will only be provided three (3) times throughout the entire school year. At no time may snacks be charged.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Middle school students are fully responsible for their own meals and will not be allowed to charge. As a courtesy, students without funds will be given a \*supplemental meal three (3) times throughout the entire school year. Middle school students must have their ID to purchase breakfast or lunch (see middle school student handbook).

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## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

High school students are fully responsible for their own meals and will not be allowed to charge. High school students must use their ID to purchase breakfast or lunch.

## All CVS STUDENTS

Chippewa Valley Schools does not condone lunch shaming and will enforce the following procedures at all grade levels:

- prohibits the requiring of students who cannot pay for a school meal or who owe a negative balance to wear a wristband or handstamp
- prohibits the requiring of students who cannot pay for a school meal or who owe a negative balance to perform chores or other work to pay for school meals
- prohibits the requiring of students to dispose of a meal after it has been served because the student is unable to pay for the meal or has a negative balance
- prohibits the direct communication with a student about a negative balance unless your district has unsuccessfully attempted to contact the student's parent or legal guardian first through telephone, mail, and electronic mail
- prohibits discussing a negative balance with a student in the presence of other students

### III PROCEDURE FOR NOTIFICATION OF ACCOUNT STATUS

- A. Students will be given verbal notification and a low balance slip by the cashier when their account balance reaches the equivalent of two meal purchases.
- B. Parents or Guardians will receive a low balance email notification from Meal Magic providing a current email address is on file.
- C. Parents or Guardians who use **Family Portal** to make deposits, also have the ability to check deposit history, student account activity and receive low balance alerts.

### IV MEAL BENEFITS

Households may apply for free/reduced meal benefits anytime throughout the school year but must reapply for benefits at the start of each school year. Applications are distributed at school when classes begin and always available in the main office, the district web site [www.Chippewavalleyschools.org](http://www.Chippewavalleyschools.org), or at [chippewavalley.familyportal.cloud](http://chippewavalley.familyportal.cloud). *We highly recommend using [chippewavalley.familyportal.cloud](http://chippewavalley.familyportal.cloud).*

**Meal benefits are carried over thirty (30) operating days into the start of a new school year. On the thirty-first (31) day, students without an approved application on file will have their benefits denied.**

**Thank you for your cooperation and here's wishing your student(s) a successful and nutritious school year.**

Chippewa Valley Food & Nutrition Services

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It is the policy of Chippewa Valley Schools not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex (including but not limited to sexual orientation, gender identity), religion, national origin or ancestry, age, disability, height, weight, genetics, or marital status in its programs, services, activities, or employment. Inquiries related to nondiscrimination policies, questions, concerns or to file a complaint should be directed to: Civil Rights and Title IX Coordinator, Director of Human Resources, Chippewa Valley Schools Administration, 19120 Cass Avenue, Clinton Township, MI 48038 Phone: 586-723-2090 Email: [ablanchard@cvs.k12.mi.us](mailto:ablanchard@cvs.k12.mi.us) / Nondiscrimination inquiries related to disability should be directed to: Section 504 Coordinator, Director of Special Services, (same address) Phone: 586-723-2180 Email: [tkoch@cvs.k12.mi.us](mailto:tkoch@cvs.k12.mi.us). Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for employment must notify Chippewa Valley Schools of their need in writing within 182 days. Civil Rights and Title IX inquiries can also be directed to the Department of Civil Rights at (800)482-3604 or [MDCRservicecenter@michigan.gov](mailto:MDCRservicecenter@michigan.gov).