

## **Aldine ISD Student Lunch Charge Process 2019-2020**

Students without money for lunch will be allowed to purchase full meals up to a \$20.00 debit limit.

- Purchase of A la carte items will not be allowed if a student meal account has a negative balance.

The Charge Policy will be communicated through:

- USDA Child Nutrition Annual Letter to Households
- Student/Parent Handbook
- Child Nutrition Department website

Methods to inform parents/guardians when a student's meal account is exhausted and has reached the \$20.00 debit limit include:

- Campus Administration
- Child Nutrition cashier communication to student
- School messenger calls
- Email
- Negative balance letters sent home weekly with students
- Direct phone calls
- Online meal account system available for parent to view and pay meal debt.

### **Elementary and Primary Students**

Once a primary or elementary student reaches the \$20.00 debit limit, they will continue to receive full meals.

### **Middle and High School Students**

Once a middle or high school student reaches nine meals at the value of \$20.25 debit limit, they will receive a courtesy entrée (Turkey Sandwich) along with their selection of all other menu items including milk.

Campus administration and Child Nutrition will work collectively to resolve student debt through completion of a meal application and/or payment owed.

Parents are strongly encouraged to continually monitor their student's meal account balance. Payments on student accounts may be made in the school cafeteria or on-line at SchoolCafe. Visit [https://www. SchoolCafe.com](https://www.SchoolCafe.com) to register. The SchoolCafe system also provides an option to receive low balance and/or negative balance notices via email.