



**BASS LAKE JOINT UNION
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DISTRICT**



"Every Child...a Promise"

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Unpaid Meal Charge Policy 2019-2020

In accordance with the Child Hunger Prevention and Fair Treatment Act of 2017 (SB 250) and local governing board policy, no student whose parent or guardian has unpaid school meal fees shall be shamed, treated differently, or served a meal that differs from what another student whose parent or guardian does not have unpaid school meal fees would receive. All students, regardless of meal account status, shall receive the same meal from the school cafeteria.

Current student meal prices are \$1.50 for Breakfast. Lunch prices are \$3.00 (TK-8). Milk price is \$0.35 each.

Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to submit payments to their child's cafeteria meal account in advance.

The steps outlined below will be taken to collect unpaid meal charge debt:

- School staff will notify the parents/guardians whenever the child's meal account has reached a negative balance, but not later than five (5) school days. Additionally, school staff may mail letters to the parents/guardians whose student's account has reached negative balance and request payment in full.
- In cases of repeated nonpayment by a parent/guardian, the Superintendent or designee may contact parent/guardian to discuss the reasons for the nonpayment.
- The District will cease from charging on any child's meal account once it has reached a negative \$45.00 balance. **The child will no longer receive a school breakfast or lunch until the account has been brought current.**
- Parents/guardians are able to make payments online at www.EZschoolpay.com, or directly at the school site where they are served.
- Parents/guardians have the authority to place restrictions on their child's meal charge account. Any parent/guardian may place a No Charge Limit to their child's account by writing a letter to the school principal and/or the school nutrition services department.
- Bass Lake JUESD will make every effort to inform parents/guardians that Free & Reduced Meals are available for those who qualify. Applications are available online at www.EZmealapp.com, as well as in the school office.