

What Happens When There Is No Money in a School Lunch Account?

In most families, the day will come when a student gets in the lunch line, only to find out there isn't enough money in the account to purchase a hot lunch. What happens? The answer depends on the age of the student. We hope the following information for elementary and secondary students will help your family!

For grades kindergarten through 6:

- A low balance notice in the form of a letter or sticker is sent home with the students when the account is \$4 or less. Some schools have success with letters going home, and some schools find using a "sticker" as a reminder, right while the child is in line, to be more effective.
- Children in grades K-6 will be allowed to charge two (2) meals. After this, no charges will be allowed until full payment is received.
- Children that have already charged two lunches, and have not brought payment, will be offered a peanut butter sandwich, fruit and milk in place of the regular hot lunch. Please understand, this is to be considered an occasional "help" for students and families, and cannot be used on a continual basis. (Does your child have a physician's note regarding a peanut or other allergy that could be affected by lunch? Please be sure your child is aware of his/her food allergy, and teach them to "speak up" when in the lunch-line (or any situation) where this could affect them.)

Grades 7 through 12:

- Students are verbally reminded when his or her meal account is low.
- Meal charges will not be allowed for zero or negative meal account balances.
- A peanut butter sandwich, fruit and milk will be offered place of a full meal. Please understand, this is to be considered an occasional "help" for students and families, and cannot be used on a continual basis. (Does your child have a physician's note regarding a peanut or other allergy that could be affected by lunch? Please be sure your child is aware of his/her food allergy, and teach them to "speak up" when in the lunch-line (or any situation) where this could affect them.)

Parents and guardians can monitor student purchases and payments by signing up for Family Access! Go to the Holt Public Schools website, www.hpsk12.net, and begin the ***Family Access Request On-Line Form***, located on the left side of the home page.

If you have questions or concerns regarding your family's account, or if your child has a medical note regarding a peanut or other allergy we need to be aware of, please call the main kitchen at 699-1111.