



Meal Charge Policy

Moab Charter School's Child Nutrition Program receives full reimbursement for free meals and partial reimbursements for meals served to students who do not qualify for free meals. Parents must make payments to the student's account to make up the difference between the federal reimbursements and the cost of the meal. This policy applies to school meal payments.

Definitions:

- "Free meal" means a meal served to a student whose parents have filled out a free & reduced meal application and have qualified, based on federal standards, for free meals. The free meal receives the highest federal rate of reimbursement. The meal is served at no cost to the student.
- "Meal charging" means allowing students who do not have funds in their account to receive a reimbursable meal, with parents paying for these meals at a later time. Schools are not required to provide meals to students who do not have funds to pay for the meal.
- "Over identification" means allowing only those with a need-to-know need know the meal payment status of a student. E.g. those who process school meal payments.
- "Parent" means the student's parent, legal guardian, or custodian.
- "Paid meal" means a meal served to a student whose parents who have not qualified for reduced price or free meals. This meal receives the lowest amount of federal reimbursement. The parent must pay the lunch price established by the MCS Governing Board.
- "Reduced-price meals" means a meal served to a student whose parents have qualified for reduced meals. The federal rate of reimbursement is less than a free meal, but more than a paid meal.
- "Reimbursable meal" means a meal which meets the USDA requirements and may be claimed for payment from the USDA.

Parents may make payments to the school by mail or hand delivery. Parents should clearly note the account to which funds should be credited (student name(s)). We accept checks, money order, and cash. Parents will be notified monthly by regular mail or telephone when a negative amount is in their lunch account.