

WARRICK COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION BOONVILLE, INDIANA	BOARD POLICY -- Code 5600
	MEAL CHARGES

CAFETERIA -- MEALS, ACCOUNTS, CHARGES, AND COLLECTIONS

The Warrick County School Corporation has an essential role in the lives of students by providing them with a foundation for healthy living and learning. The WCSC Food and Nutrition Department makes affordable, healthy, and nutritious breakfasts and lunches available. It is the responsibility of a student's parents to provide meals either by supplying food from home, by sending money to school so that the school may supply a meal, or by applying for meal assistance through the free and reduced meal programs. Therefore, the following rules apply:

ADULTS are not permitted to charge food or drink.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS are not permitted to charge food or drink.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND TJHS STUDENTS may have an occasional need for assistance with their meal funds. Meal charges are strongly discouraged; but, managing money is a part of the learning process. Therefore, middle school students and TJHS students may charge up to \$10.00 to his/her meal account. After the \$10.00 limit has been reached or after the account debt remains unpaid for 30 days, no meals and no alternative meals will be provided. When an account debt is \$10.00 or remains uncollected for 30 days, the account will be turned over to the school corporation attorney for collection. *Ala carte* items (except milk) will not be sold to students with a negative account balance.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS may have an occasional need for assistance with their meal funds, also. Meal charges are strongly discouraged; but, managing money is a part of the learning process. Therefore, an elementary student may charge up to \$20.00 to his/her meal account. After the \$20.00 limit has been reached or after an account debt remains unpaid for 30 days, the student will receive an alternative meal consisting of a peanut butter sandwich (or cheese sandwich if a peanut allergy is on file), fruit, and milk at a cost of \$0.40, which will be added to the student's meal account. If the account debt exceeds \$20.00 or after an account debt remains unpaid for 30 days, the account will be turned over to the school corporation attorney for collection. *Ala carte* items (except milk) will not be sold to students with a negative account balance.

COLLECTIONS: The Food and Nutrition Department shall send two collection/warning letters home with a student before litigation is filed. After the account has been turned over to the attorney, payment arrangements and collections shall occur only through the attorney's office. When suit is filed, attorney fees shall be no less than \$200 per account. The Food and Nutrition Department is authorized to establish regulations consistent with this policy to implement and manage food services and collections.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This policy shall be effective immediately for adults.
This policy shall be effective as of May 1, 2012 for students.