Martin Public Schools Meal Charge Policy
Effective Date: September 5, 2017

Regulation:
According the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service, school districts are not obligated to provide meals, nor extend credit to children who forget their lunch money.

The Martin Public Schools Food Service Department, however, realizes the need to provide nutritious meals to students, so they are best prepared to learn. The Food Service Department must do so in a fiscally responsible manner.

Lunch Accounts: Each student has their own lunch account. Lunch accounts must be prepaid. They are not to be used as a charge account; rather, much like a checking account or debit account. It is the household’s responsibility to make sure their student’s meal accounts have sufficient funds to purchase meals. Charging into the negative is considered temporary, and, a privilege offered to households to bridge the gap between notification and payment. Payment for lunch accounts can be made at the school, via mail, or online. To pay on line or check student balances use the SendMoneytoSchool.com website. Please contact Kimberly Hingga at 269-672-5556 or by email kimberly.hingga@martinpublicschools.org with any questions.

Charge Policy: Lunch accounts should be prepaid. Notification of monies owed will be emailed, mailed or sent home with students on a regular basis. It is the policy of Martin Public Schools District that a student is given an alternative lunch if they have charged three meals without payment. The alternate lunch will consist of a cheese sandwich, choice of his/her fruit and vegetable from the food bar, and white milk. The student will not be charged for the alternate meal.

Ala Carte Items cannot be charged.

During the last 30 days of the school year charging meals is not allowed. All money owed must be paid by the last day of school. No alternate meal choices will be offered, student must then bring meals from home.