



**Allegiance STEAM Academy, Thrive**  
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## PAID MEAL COLLECTION POLICY FOR FOOD SERVICE

### HOW TO PAY

Parents have two ways to pay for their student's meals:

- 1) Parents may set-up an online account with School Café at [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com)
  - a. Parents will be able to make payments using a credit card or debit card.
  - b. Parents will be able to set-up automatic payments and see student balances.Please be aware there is a \$1.00 fee per, per student transaction.
- 2) Parents may pay student meals by providing the school's Meal Manager with a personal check, money order, cashier's check, or cash payment.

### COLLECTION PROCEDURE

There are two methods of payment for meals: prepayment and post-billing. Students who pay full price or a reduced price for their meals have the option of paying on a weekly or monthly basis.

If a student is charging their meal, the meal server or designee logs the charged meal on that student's account on the meal program software at the time the meal is being taken by the student. Students can charge up to \$50. At the end of the month, all parents receive letters whose children have outstanding balances that are unpaid.

If a student meal account balance exceeds the \$50 limit, the students will be able to receive a regular meal during breakfast and lunch. A student will never be denied a meal due to inability to pay.

Families that are unable to pay for their student's meals, are encouraged to fill out a lunch application to see if they might qualify for federal assistance. Families can request the lunch applications in the main office.

### PREPAYMENT

- 1) Parents will have the ability to prepay their child's account on School Café using a credit or debit card.
- 2) Students have the ability to prepay with check, cash, money order or cashier's check for their meals before or after school. Parents or students can turn in the prepayment to the Meal Manager, and the Meal Manager will track it on the meal program software under the student's record.



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## POST-BILLING

Schools in Action (our meal management company) will send out bills monthly and/or at the end of the semester for any outstanding balances. The Meal Manager will continue to encourage families who have not submitted a lunch application to submit one.

## EXCESS BALANCES

Families who have a positive balance in the student's paid meals account will be notified by Schools in Action before the end of the year. The parents can opt to either carry the balance over to the following year, or receive a refund for the excess balance. If a refund is elected, Schools in Action will mail a check home.

## DELINQUENT DEBT

When meal charges continue to go unpaid, parents are contacted by phone and/or mailed a letter from the Schools in Action and/or Allegiance STEAM Academy.

If after sending out the post-billing notices families are still not submitting payment, the Director of Business Services will follow up with phone calls or set up meetings to determine why families are not paying and come up with a payment plan, if needed. The payment plans will take into account the family's financial circumstances and be reasonable in terms of amounts and timeline. The payment plan will be signed by the family and the Director of Business Services. Families would make the payments on the payment plan to the Director of Business Services.

## CONTACT INFO

If you have any questions in regards to this policy, please contact the Food Manager at school.

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