

CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM CHARGED MEAL POLICY

The Child Nutrition Program operated by Gadsden City Board of Education shall follow all applicable state and federal guidelines.

CNP CHARGED MEAL PROCEDURE

It is the intent of Gadsden City Board of Education to provide a nutritious breakfast and lunch for each student during the school day. It is the responsibility of the Child Nutrition Staff, the principal and the Central Office Staff to ensure participating students are provided a meal. It is the policy of Gadsden City Board of Education to comply with all federal regulations pertaining to the National School Breakfast and National School Lunch programs. K-3 grade children and special needs children must be provided a reimbursable meal even if the student does not have sufficient funds to pay for the meal. Due to Gadsden City Schools participating in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) all students in the Gadsden City School System will receive a breakfast meal and a lunch meal free of charge to the student. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to pay for any ala carte item. Should a student not have sufficient funding to purchase ala carte items they will not be allowed to purchase the item and have a negative balance on their cafeteria account. Parents/Guardians have the ability to create an online account for the child to check balances and add funds to the child's account at any time. Gadsden City Schools will not allow the charging of any adult meal or any ala carte items. When the school year ends all children will have a \$0 or positive balance on their cafeteria account.