



2020-2021 Meal Charge Policy

Our school operates under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which means all students can receive a free breakfast and lunch at no charge to the student for the entire school year.

Empower Generations does not charge full paid or reduced-price students for meals under CEP and school lunch applications are not required to be completed to receive the free meal(s).

Per California Education Code Section 49557.5:

- Students will not be denied meals for any reason
- Students will be served reimbursable meals, not an alternative meal
- No student will be overtly identified as receiving free or reduced-price meal benefits

Dietary Needs

- Any students with food allergies must complete the dietary needs form accompanied by a physician's note, each school year. This form can be obtained through the office.

Notification of the Meal Charge Policy


The meal charge policy will be provided in writing to all families at the start of each school year and to families transferring to the school midyear. The meal charge policy will also be provided to all school or district-level staff responsible for policy enforcement.

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(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) fax: 202-690-7442; or

(3) email: program.intake@usda.gov

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