

Lunch Account Policy

Effective November 20, 2006 Kimball Area Public Schools will no longer allow student lunch accounts to have a balance beyond **negative \$20.00**. The food service program is a prepaid system. All meals will be paid for by depositing money in the student's account before meals are served. It is the responsibility of the parents or guardians to be sure there is money in the account.

The district considers a **\$20.00 balance, a "low family balance"**. Each day that the balance is lower than \$20.00, the student will be reminded by the food service staff that the account is low. Notices of low balance will be sent home with elementary students. Junior and Senior High students will receive verbal notice when going through the lunch line. A stamp will also be available for all students who wish to mark their hand as a reminder to bring money for their lunch account.

The first day a student wishes to eat a school meal and the family account has a **negative \$20.00** balance in their account, the food service staff will telephone the parent and inform them that their child has a negative balance in the account. This meal process will remain in place until arrangements are made to eliminate the negative balance.

Parents may call the building offices on any school day and find out how much money is remaining in their account. This information is also available through the JMC program and access instructions can be obtained from the building office.

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