

**American Indian Model Schools Local Meal Charge Policy 2020-2021**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

American Indian Model Schools participates in the National School Lunch Program by offering nutritious meals every school day. Students may buy lunch for $3.25. Eligible students may receive meals free of charge or at the reduced-at .40 cents. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced-price meals. You must fill out a new Free/Reduced Lunch Application at the beginning of each school year to see if you qualify. Applications are available at our front desk any time throughout the school year. If you have any questions about applying, please contact Operations Department at 510-893-8701.

***Payments***

We encourage families to pay at least one month in advance for student meal purchases, although this is not a requirement. This helps lunch lines move quickly, giving students more time to enjoy their meal. There are multiple options to make payments to your student’s lunch account:

In-Person Payments

Payments can be made on school days at the American Indian Model Schools front desk between the hours of 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

* + Address: 746 Grand Ave Oakland, CA 94610
  + Address: 171 12th St. Oakland, CA 94607
* We accept checks, money orders, and cash in exact amounts.
  + A receipt will be given at time of payment.
* Students and families can make payments at the front desk register between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
* A receipt will be given at time of payment.

Electronic Payments through MealTime

• Payments can be made online at www.mymealtime.com

• There is a 4.9% transaction fee for online payments.

(This is a MealTime charge for online transactions)

***Charges/Balances***

If a student takes a meal they will be charged for it. We encourage families to have a conversation with students so they know whether they can participate in the school meal program.

American Indian Model Schools will allow students to charge a negative balance to their lunch account. The negative balance limit is $20.00. Outstanding balances must be paid within 2 weeks.

American Indian Model Schools prohibits the charging of à la carte or extra items by any student with a negative balance regardless of the student’s eligibility status.

Once a month balance notifications will be sent to families. The balance statement will notify you of the current status of your student’s lunch account. The balance statement will also include instructions for making payments (same as above).

***Delinquent Meal Charge Debt***

Failure to repay meal debt will result in the following consequences:

* Prior to withdrawing from AIMS school district, debt will need to be paid in full.

***If your family is experiencing a financial setback, please contact us so we can help. We are willing to work with you to develop a payment plan for your lunch account.***

***Also, families may submit a free/reduced lunch application at any point during the school year. We can assist you in applying for free or reduced lunch if your income situation has changed mid-year.***

***Please contact*** AIMS Nutrition Program at 510-893-8701 or email [lunch@aimsk12.org](mailto:lunch@aimsk12.org) ***for assistance.***

These policies are also outlined Meal Charge Policy can be found on our school website: [www.aimschools.org](http://www.aimschools.org)

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