

The below statement regarding the cafeteria charge policy can be found in the 2017-18 GISD Student Handbook

Cafeteria Services (All Grade Levels)

The district participates in the School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program and offers students nutritionally balanced meals daily in accordance with standards set forth in state and federal law.

Free and reduced-price meals are available based on financial need or household situation. Information about a student's participation is confidential; however, disclosure of a student's eligibility may be made without prior notice or consent to programs, activities, and individuals that are specifically authorized access under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA), which is the law that sets forth the disclosure limits for the district's child nutrition programs. A student's name, eligibility status, and other information may be disclosed to certain agencies as authorized under the NSLA to facilitate the enrollment of eligible children in Medicaid or the state children's health insurance program (CHIP) unless the student's parent notifies the district that a student's information should not be disclosed. A parent's decision will not affect the child's eligibility for free and reduced price meals or free milk. Applications are available throughout the school year for participation in the free and reduced meal program and are available on-line through the district website, from the campus secretary, campus cafeteria manager or the Child Nutrition Department.

The district has a meal charge policy and parents are strongly encouraged to continually monitor their child's meal account balance for negative balances. When a student's meal account is depleted, the district will notify the parent. Students will have up to a 3 day grace period and/or a maximum of 3 meals on credit at the Elementary and Junior High campuses and/or a 6 meals on credit at the High School Campus. At the point a student's account has a negative balance, beyond the grace period and/or meals on credit an alternate meal will be provided to the student. In the event of an ongoing negative balance and there has not been an attempt by the parent to pay the negative account balance the district will present the parent with a schedule of repayment for any outstanding account balance. If the district is unable to work out an agreement with the student's parent on replenishment of the student's meal account and payment of any outstanding balance, the student will continue to receive an alternate meal. Charging is never allowed on a la carte items, such as chips, ice cream, etc.