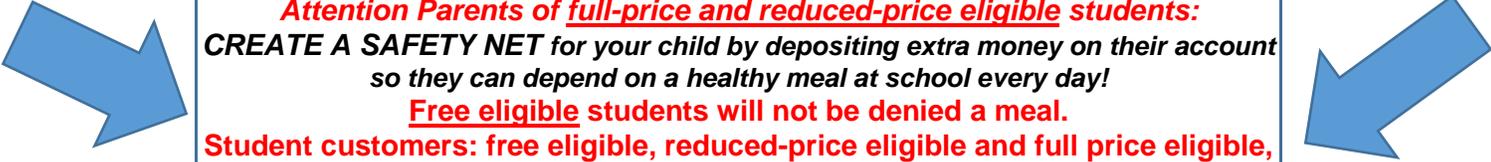


## What happens if my child has no lunch money?



**Attention Parents of full-price and reduced-price eligible students:**  
**CREATE A SAFETY NET** for your child by depositing extra money on their account so they can depend on a healthy meal at school every day!  
**Free eligible students will not be denied a meal.**  
**Student customers: free eligible, reduced-price eligible and full price eligible, with a negative balance may have a meal (please see below) but will not be permitted to purchase ala carte items or extras.**

At Champ's Cafe, we believe in privacy and keeping account transactions confidential. Students "in debt" will be asked if they have brought money, as parents are expected to pay for meals given as a courtesy when the child had no money.

We understand that a child may forget their money at home or leave it in the classroom, so **UNLESS** your child is deeply "in debt" and you have not contacted Champ's Café to make arrangements to pay your debt, these policies are followed:

If you do not send in a payment, a note or make a phone call to your child's **Champ's Café Manager**, the manager will meet with the Principal, Assistant Principal, Guidance Counselor and/or School Social Worker. One of these staff members will contact you to discuss your child's increasing debt, suggest your family apply for free or reduced-price meals, send a lunch from home and/or pay for future meals. **Whatever your choice to make sure your child has a nutritious meal each day in the future, please remember that the debt your child has already created must be paid.**

To encourage wise food choices, healthy eating and responsible money management, ala carte or extra purchases are limited in portion size, quantity and frequency of availability to school Champ's Cafe customers.

### High School Student who has no lunch money: Charlotte High and Lemon Bay High

*Expectations are increased for the freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors to accept more responsibility for their personal money management, keeping a positive balance on their account.*

➔ There is a "One Meal LIMIT to charge" at the high school level.  
If your high school-aged child is not already in debt, the meal selected by your child is given to them and a parent will be contacted to re-pay Champ's Cafe the very next day.  
Please be sure your child's school has your current contact info on file.

If your child is already in debt, they may be asked if they would like to borrow money from a friend in order to obtain a lunch that day.

High school students can confidentially have a free or reduced-price meal, too!

Perhaps you should consider

➔ applying **online** for free or reduced-price meal benefits:  
**[www.champs.yourcharlotteschools.net](http://www.champs.yourcharlotteschools.net)**

★ **Please remember: The debt your child has already created must be paid.** ★

## **Accommodations for Special Diet Needs:**

**Any aged-student who has no lunch money AND has a physical disability involving food:**

Students at any age level who is full price, reduced-price or free eligible for meals and who have a disability where food is critical to their health or medication, such as diabetes, will be given a meal provided the parent has PREVIOUSLY communicated this disability with the School Nurse.

Payment for the courtesy meal will be expected the next day.

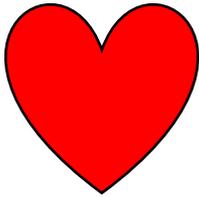
**Any aged-student of any eligibility who has no lunch money AND has an intellectual disability:**

Any student who has a disability where they are unable to manage their money at the same level as their age-level peers will be given a meal provided the parent has PREVIOUSLY communicated this disability with the Champ's Cafe Manager.

Payment for the courtesy meal will be expected the next day.

*Champ's Cafe is at your service...*

**Encourage your child to "speak up" and ask the server, cashier or manager for what they need to be healthy!**



## **CEP "All free meals" Schools:**

**All 10 Elementary Schools, Murdock Middle School, LA Ainger Middle School, Port Charlotte Middle School, Punta Gorda Middle School, Charlotte Harbor Center, Baker Head Start Center, Port Charlotte High School and The Academy**

Currently, all students at the above 18 schools receive free breakfast and free lunch through CEP, the Community Eligibility Program. This means that no money is collected for meals but students can spend money on Smart Snacks at school.

If a child has an account with a negative balance from a previous debt to Champ's Cafe, they are not permitted to purchase ala carte or extra items. Families are welcomed to bring a child's account to a zero or positive balance by paying a little at a time or paying the full amount with cash, check or via [PayPAMS.com](http://PayPAMS.com).