

Student Charging Policies – A Roundtable Conversation
Excerpts from Local Student Charging Policies
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Georgetown

- Students will not be refused food or given alternate meals.
- Warning letters will be sent home on a monthly basis if a student has accrued any debt. This debt must be paid by the end of the school year.
- If all debt has not been cleared by the date the student is eligible to exit from the school, the District reserves the right to prevent the student from participating in promotion or commencement exercises.
- The District hereby agrees that it will assume any debt in excess of a \$25.00 bad debt limit at the end of each fiscal year.

Lexington One

- Students may charge up to \$10.00 in meals.
- Notification through School Messenger will be used to notify parents of account balances with less than \$10.00 weekly.
- Any child on paid or reduced status with a negative \$10.00 balance will be served an alternate meal until the balance is paid in full unless arrangements have been made with the principal or food service manager to make installment payments.
- Students on free meal status with a negative balance always receive a regular meal.
- All students with a negative balance cannot buy anything extra (a la carte items).
- Any balances left at the end of the year are paid by the principal using local school funds.

Anderson Five

- Extra sales are not allowed to be charged.
- Parents/Guardians will be notified weekly of students who have negative balances by phone and email using School Messenger. Letters will be sent home two times a month for students who continue to have a negative balance.
- If a student account reaches \$15.00 of unpaid meals, the student's Principal/designee will send a letter showing charges and explaining that the debt can be turned over to a collection agency and the State of South Carolina's Department of Revenue for garnishing wages and/or income tax refund if debt is not settled.
- Students that owe \$15.00 or more can only purchase extra sale items if they make a payment on their account of the same amount as the purchased item. Example: If a student purchases an ice cream for \$1.00, he/she must also pay \$1.00 on the negative balance.
- Any balances left at the end of the year are paid by the principal using local school funds.