

# LOWER MORELAND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL LUNCH CHARGE POLICY

In accordance with the United States Department of Agriculture regulations, Lower Moreland Township School District is required to have and enforce a LUNCH CHARGE POLICY. A “meal charge” refers to those times that a student attempts to purchase foods without sufficient funding in their account.

Children from families whose incomes fall below a specified level may be eligible for a free or reduced-rate breakfast and lunch. Visit the District website for an application for free or reduced-rate meals.

Each student in the Lower Moreland Township School District may have a point-of-sale cafeteria account. Participation is voluntary. Parents/guardians may deposit money in advance on a student’s account using the online payment portal:

[www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com). Please visit [www.lmtsd.org](http://www.lmtsd.org) and click on the Food Services tab for more information.

Any student whose account reaches the charge limit and who does not bring a lunch from home will be provided with the following choices:

- Students in grades K-5 will be provided with a National School Lunch Program meal. Students will not be allowed to purchase a la carte foods with a negative balance. Students will be responsible to pay any outstanding meal obligation.
- Students in grades 6-12 after reaching a \$10.00 obligation will be provided with a National School Lunch Program meal consisting of an American cheese sandwich or peanut butter and jelly sandwich with a vegetable, fruit, and low fat/fat-free milk. This meal will be provided at the regular cost of a school lunch and will be charged to the student’s lunch account. Students will not be allowed to purchase a la carte foods with a negative balance. Students will be responsible to pay any outstanding meal obligation.

Negative balance status can be avoided by making a payment in the form of cash or check directly sent to the cafeteria cashier. Additionally, one can pay by credit card or check on the Food Service online payment system called [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) located on the District website under the Food Services section. When a student’s account exceeds the posted limits, his/her parent/guardian will receive notification. Students listed with a negative balance status must either pay the cash value of the school meal each day or bring a lunch from home. Monies deposited to a negative balance account must first be used to satisfy the negative balance.

Balance reports for students with negative account balances will be run monthly and sent home to parents/guardians. Additionally, during the school year, automated phone calls will be made to parents whose students’ have a negative lunch account balance.

A la carte foods are not part of the School Lunch Program and cannot be charged if a student has a zero or negative balance on their account.