

Meal Charge Policy

Prairie Creek Community School

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to ensure that students are able to access meals through Prairie Creek Community School's nutrition program and that school employees, families, and students have a shared understanding of expectations regarding meal charges.
2. **General Statement of Policy:** Prairie Creek Community School participates in the Free Meals for Kids Program through the state of Minnesota. Students are able to access free breakfast and lunch provided through the program. Students who wish to order breakfast or hot lunch must sign up in advance for their meals. A la carte milk is available to purchase for snack or lunch. The a la carte milk must be ordered in advance.
3. **Procedures:** PCCS will provide families with menus and a signup link each month in advance. Students are free to choose meals on the menu and sign up for them in advance. In the event that a child forgets their lunch or brings no lunch from home, the school will provide that child with a lunch. The lunch provided is not guaranteed to be a hot lunch. If this happens on a consistent basis the Director will speak to the family about their responsibility to provide lunches for their child. Assistance from Social Services may be requested if the school determines any possible neglect when the above procedures are not successful.
4. **Payment:** Payment of milk is required in advance. If payment is not received in a timely manner the parents or guardian of the student(s) will receive a notification via phone or written communication with the amount owed.

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