

## ABINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS – FOOD SERVICE POLICY

The Food Service Program uses the software program "Nutrikids" in all the schools in the district. A student is assigned a unique PIN number which is entered at the school cashier stations to complete any transaction.

The Food Service Program provides a nutritionally government approved breakfast and lunch daily to all students wishing to take advantage of the program. There are three pricing levels:

Free Students who have been approved for a free lunch through either an application process or directly certified through the Department of Transitional Assistance database.

Reduced Students who qualify for a reduced price lunch (0.40) through the application process.

Full Price Students who purchase meals with no qualified reduction.

A student may purchase a school breakfast or lunch in one of the following ways:

- a. Use pre-paid funds in their individual foodservice account; or
- b. Use cash in the amount owed.

The School Lunch Program is mandated to provide free or reduced priced meals to only those students who have qualified for that benefit. We are required by law to collect appropriate funds for all other meals provided.

### LOST/FORGOTTEN FUNDS

The Food Service Program recognizes that an occasional occurrence may prevent a student from having funds available to complete a meal purchase. In the occasional occurrence, we allow the following:

#### Grade K through 8:

Students may charge up to the equivalent of three (3) meals. This is done with the expectation of prompt reimbursement. If, after the three meal limit is reached, payment is not received the students account is suspended. Any student that seeks a lunch on a suspended account will be given the opportunity to purchase an "Emergency Meal" which will consist of a cheese sandwich, fruit and milk. A \$1.50 charge will be added to the account. Any student that seeks a breakfast on a suspended account will be given the opportunity to purchase either fruit or a 4-ounce juice. A \$.50 charge will be added to the account.

#### Grade 9 through 12:

Students may charge up to the equivalent of one (1) lunch. This is done with the expectation of prompt reimbursement. If, after the one meal limit is reached, payment is not received the students account is suspended. This means that the student cannot make any further purchases until the account is paid. No charging will be allowed at breakfast.

### NEGATIVE ACCOUNTS

Families of students with negative accounts will be notified on a regular basis of the delinquent account. We encourage use of the website [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com) to monitor the activity in your student's accounts.