



I. PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of this policy is to establish a consistent meal account and ordering procedures.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. Cannon River STEM School believes that providing a breakfast and lunch program to our students is an important and valued service to our families. We understand that a breakfast and lunch program is not only a convenience, but in some cases provides essential nutritional support to students who might otherwise go without. As a small customer (less than 1,000 breakfasts and lunches per day) and no functional kitchen, our meals must be catered from off site.
- B. Starting the school year 2023-24, we are joining Minnesota's Free School Meals Program. All students can get one breakfast and one lunch free of charge each day at school.
- C. Please note that meals include one milk. Additional milk will be sold at .50 cents.
- D. Meal orders are placed each morning during attendance. Students will let their homeroom teacher know if they need lunch from school.
- E. Additional meals may be ordered for parents/guardians, guests and/or employees if desired. The order should be placed by emailing the Meal Program Coordinator, Kasey David, at kdavid@crssraptors.org before 9:00 AM. The price for an adult lunch is \$5.00.
- F. The school district intends to comply with federal and state law that prohibits denying a meal or milk to any eligible (paid, free or reduced) student as a disciplinary measure.

III. PROCEDURES

- A. The school will make reasonable efforts to notify students, parents/guardians, guests and employees when their account balance is low.
- B. The school district will not serve parents/guardians, guests or employees who do not have funds available, except in certain circumstances.
- C. The school district will not serve extra milk to students who do not have funds available.
- D. The parent/guardian of a student with a zero or negative fund balance will be advised that their child will need to bring their own drink from home or obtain water from the drinking fountain until there are funds available to cover extra milk.
- E. In some cases, students may be provided with an alternative meal (peanut butter sandwich, vegetables, cheese, fruit and milk) for up to 3 days for all students.