



## **Pike County School Corporation**

### *Meal Charging Policy*

The Pike County School Corporation has essential role in the lives of students by providing them with a foundation for healthy living and learning. The PCSC Food and Nutrition Department makes affordable, healthy and nutritious breakfasts and lunches available. It is the responsibility of the student's parents to provide meals either by supplying food from home, by sending money to the school, by **myschoolbucks**, so that the school may supply a meal, or by applying for meal assistance through the free and reduced meal program. Therefore, the following rules apply.

ADULTS are permitted to charge limit of 1 meal

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS may have an occasional need of assistance with meal funds. Meal charges are strongly discouraged. Therefore, an elementary student may charge without consequence to the type of meal he/she will receive.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS may have an occasional need of assistance with meal funds. Meal charges are strongly discouraged; but, managing money is a part of the learning process. Therefore, middle and high school student may charge without consequence to the type of meal he/she will receive. Ala carte items will NOT be sold to students with a negative account balance.

COLLECTIONS: Immediately upon reaching a negative balance, parents will receive an automated phone call and will continue to receive a daily reminder of the negative balance. After five (5) consecutive days of a negative balance, letters will be sent to the parent/guardian. Additional letters will be sent if there is no response, or if the negative balance continues. Once the negative amount of any individual account reaches \$50.00, the matter will be referred to a Collections Agency. If there is a financial hardship for the family, payment arrangements may be made by contacting the Food Services Director.