



LEARNING GATE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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MEAL CHARGE POLICY 2018-2019

To Learning Gate Families,

This letter is to inform you of our Meal Charge Policies for the 2018-2019 school year.

- The Food Service Program at Learning Gate Community School will offer nutritious breakfast and lunch meals that meet the requirements of The National School Lunch Program. A catering service will be used to prepare the meals.
- Families may apply for free and reduced price meals anytime during the school year. 2018-2019 Applications as well as this meal charge policy will be available in the front office and distributed to all families enrolled at Learning Gate Community School. Applications as well as this meal policy will also be available on the school website.
- Breakfast is available daily. Paid breakfast costs \$2.00, Reduced breakfast costs \$.30 and Free breakfast meals cost \$0. Breakfast does not need to be pre-ordered. Cash or account funds can be used for breakfast.
- Lunch menus will be posted monthly at www.myschoolaccount.com. Orders must be placed a minimum of 2 days in advance. Paid lunch costs \$3.95, Reduced lunch costs \$.40 and Free lunch costs \$0.
- It is our policy that all students must pre-order lunch meals. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the school food service department to make arrangements.
- Emergency meals are considered meals that have not been ordered in advance. If your child does not have a meal or has a damaged lunch, an emergency meal will be provided. Paid emergency lunch costs \$3.95, Reduced emergency lunch costs \$.40 and Free emergency lunch cost \$0. Emergency meals include a cheese sandwich, fruit, vegetable and milk. If there are extra hot meals, they may be offered on a first come first serve basis. All families are strongly encouraged to set up an account on www.myschoolaccount.com so you can track your child's account activity. It is the parent's responsibility to provide meals for their children or to pre-order a meal through the school. If a student is provided an emergency meal, it is the responsibility of the parent to pay for any charges that may be incurred.
- Lunch meals are preordered. The children come through the lunch line and give their names to be checked off electronically or on a roster during meal service. This process prevents overt identification of children eligible for free, reduced price, and paid meals.
- Healthy snacks are available to purchase during lunch time. Snacks cost \$.50-\$1.00 and require cash or funds from the student's lunch account. Any student that does not have funds will not be able to purchase a la carte items. Please keep track of your child's account at www.myschoolaccount.com.
- If there are no funds available in your child's account, they will not be able to purchase a la carte items. If there is a negative balance on the account, you will not be able to pre-order meals until money has been deposited into the account. All students in need of a meal (free, reduced or paid meal plans) will be provided a meal regardless if there are funds available.
- If using www.myschoolaccount.com, please note there is a \$2 fee each time you put money on your account. You can also add money to your account directly at the school for no additional charge.
- Contact Jill at (813)948-4190 or email Jill@learninggate.org with any questions regarding our meal program.

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