

*Westridge Wildcat*

# P W PRINTS

August 2019

[WED/THURS] **July 31/Aug 1**

New Student Registration

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

[TUESDAY] **Aug 6**

PTO Meeting @ WR Library

6:30 PM

[TUESDAY] **Aug 13**

Open House/Curriculum Night

5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Open House 5:30-6:00

Presentation #1 6:00-6:30

Presentation #2 6:30-7:00

[THURSDAY] **Aug 15**

First Day of School!!

Boo-Hoo/Woo-Hoo Breakfast for  
Kindergarten Parents 8:00 AM

[THURSDAY] **Aug 22**

Picture Day

[Monday] **Sept 2**

No School- Labor Day

[TUESDAY] **Sept 3**

PTO Meeting @ WR Library

6:30 PM

## Principal's Message

Hello Westridge Families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I hope all of you had a wonderful summer break. We are ready to have another amazing school year at Westridge Elementary. We will be continuing our theme of "Strong Minds. Kind Hearts." and to teach students the importance of working hard in the classroom while treating others with kindness and respect.

One of the biggest changes this year is that there is no Back to School 101 event anymore. Since all of the registration is done online, there is not a strong need for us to continue this event. However, Mrs. Edwards and I will be available in the office for anyone that needs assistance. If families do prefer to come to the building to do the registration, we will have computers available. Please give us a call, and we will schedule a time with you to come in and complete the registration process. School pictures will be done during the school day on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We will continue to focus our fundraising efforts to upgrade the technology in the remaining classrooms. We have currently upgraded all of our 3-5 classrooms and two of the three classrooms in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. We did not order any interactive TV units this summer with the money we raised last year. We did this because we are going to wait and order them when the district puts in their order for the new schools that will be opening up in 2020. This will allow us to get better pricing per unit. We are hoping that with the money we raise this year, added to last year's amount, that we are able complete the update to our remaining 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms and all of your first and kindergarten classrooms. I would like thank all of our families that have helped raise and donate money for this project so far. We do have more work to do, but the support over the last several years has been tremendous. Our PTO has been a huge support as well, and we cannot thank them enough for their efforts.

**Mr. Broshar**



### Westridge Elementary Mission Statement:

In an effort to create life-long learners, the staff at Westridge Elementary School working closely with parents and community strives to realize each child's fullest potential in the areas of personal, social, intellectual, emotional, and physical development.

**SCHOOL DAY  
HOURS  
8:10-3:06**



Join us at Westridge on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> for Open House/ Curriculum Night. The Open House will be from 5:30-6:00. Students are able to meet their teachers and check out their classrooms. Then the first presentation will be from 6:00-6:30. Followed by the second presentation from 6:30-7:00. There will be supervision in the gym for school age students during the presentation times.

### Question of the Month

#### What is the question of the month?



The question of the month is a way for parents and families to submit any questions to learn more about Westridge Elementary. All questions are anonymous and go directly to Mr. Broshar.

The idea behind this to increase communication between school and families. Chances are that if one person has a question about a policy, procedure, or an event, then there are probably many others that have the same question.

Simply click on the link below to submit your questions.

[Parent/Guardian Questions 19-20](#)

### RECESS & LUNCH TIMES

Grade	Recess	Lunch
Kindergarten	10:45-11:05	11:05-11:25
First Grade	11:00-11:20	11:20-11:40
Second Grade	11:15-11:35	11:35-11:55
Third Grade	11:30-11:50	11:50-12:10
Fourth Grade	11:45-12:05	12:05-12:25
Fifth Grade	12:00-12:20	12:20-12:40

#### Free/Reduced Lunch Prices

Free/Reduced lunch forms are to be filled out each year. You can find the form at the end of the newsletter or you can also apply online at <https://mealapp.lunchtimesoftware.net/>. Paper copies are also available in the front office. Please know that families are responsible for the balance incurred between the first meal and the submission of paperwork.

# P W PRINTS

## The School Day

School begins at 8:10 and dismisses at 3:06.

Breakfast is available daily to all students from 7:35-7:55. Students do not wish to eat breakfast may attend either Walking Club or Reading Club at 7:55. Supervision for before school is provided at both clubs starting at 7:55. Please ensure that you do not drop off your child prior to 7:55 unless he/she is eating breakfast or attending Elkhorn Kids Campus.

Students who arrive late are to check in with the office upon arrival. Students must be signed out in the office by a parent in order to leave early.

School dismisses daily at 3:06. Students should leave school at dismissal unless they have been asked to remain at school. There is no supervision after 3:20. Please ensure your child is picked up as close to dismissal as possible.

After school supervision is provided for students that are waiting to ride the bus home at the end of the day. Any students that are waiting for siblings that attend Elkhorn Middle School will also be supervised in the building until EMS students are dismissed.

If families want to play on the playground after school, **direct** supervision from the parent or guardian is required. Students will not be allowed on the playground after school unattended.

Sodexo Lunch Prices  
2019-2020

Student Breakfast \$1.50

Adult Breakfast \$2.20

Student Lunch \$2.60

Adult Lunch \$3.85

## Parent & Family Lunch Visits

We welcome parents and family members to have lunch with their child during the designated grade level lunch period. We look forward to having parents at lunch starting after Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. We do need a few days with just students in order to effectively teach and practice lunch procedures. Thanks you for your understanding and support.



You can find more information about Westridge Elementary online.

<https://www.elkhornweb.org/westridge/>



<https://facebook.com/ElkhornPSWR/>



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The Westridge Elementary PTO Mission is to enhance the educational experience of our students, staff, and families. We're about working together toward the common goal of creating an atmosphere where our teachers, administrators, and support staff can do their best working in supporting our children. We invite all parents and guardians to join us and become an active participant in the Westridge Parent/Teacher Organization.

#### FAQ About Westridge Elementary PTO

Q: Do I have to pay to be a part of it?

A: No. PTO is FREE and you are welcome anytime of the year! We meet every first Tuesday of the month in the Westridge Library. Elkhorn High's National Honors Students volunteers to watch kids in the computer room so you can enjoy time learning about our school.

Q: What is PTO all about?

A: PTO works collaboratively between Westridge staff and Westridge parents. We strive to better our relationship between staff and parents. One way we do this is with sponsoring meals, giving money to each teacher to use in their classrooms, teacher appreciation, and many other ways!

Q: What do our fundraisers actually pay for?

A: PTO strives to work with our school on what they want. This includes paying each year for each grade to go on one non district paid field trip, 5<sup>th</sup> grade bowling party, pizza for outdoor education, new books for the library, a free family social in January, field day supplies and popsicles, classroom parties, and the school carnival. Have you seen the new marquee outside or the new interactive TV's in our classrooms? YOUR fundraising dollars paid for those things! Way to go Wildcats!

A few short years ago we worked hard on earning enough money for new playground equipment. This year we are continuing to raise funds for upgraded technology for each classroom in the building. Look forward for more information to come and great opportunities to reach our goal even faster!

The school directory this year will be online again, and it will be FREE! There will be information coming home about how to fill out your directory information and how to access the information online. Teachers are not allowed to hand out any invitations or names and numbers so please consider adding your information into the directory. This is a great way to have names and addresses for all your needs.

#### PTO MEETING SCHEDULE

Next Meeting: Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>

Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup>



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# ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## 2019-2020 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Arbor View Elementary, Blue Sage Elementary Fire Ridge Elementary, Hillrise Elementary, Manchester Elementary, Sagewood Elementary, Skyline Elementary, Spring Ridge Elementary, West Bay Elementary, West Dodge Station Elementary and Westridge Elementary

**Community organizations are available to financially assist with the purchase of school supplies. For additional information, please contact your building principal.**

### **KINDERGARTEN**

Book bag  
Plastic pencil box (8" X 5")  
Elmer's glue (1 bottle)  
Glue Sticks (12)  
Kleenex tissues (2 boxes)  
Crayons—24 count (4 boxes)  
#2 yellow pencils (12, sharpened)  
Large (pink pearl) eraser (1)  
EXPO thick dry erase markers— (4 - ALL BLACK)  
Washable markers—8 classic colors pack (2 boxes)  
Fiskar children's scissors  
Art shirt  
Towel for resting—no blankets

### **SECOND GRADE**

Book bag  
Plastic pencil box (8" X 5")  
Glue sticks (6)  
Glue Bottle (1)  
Kleenex tissues (2 boxes)  
Crayons—24 count (2 boxes)  
#2 yellow pencils (36, sharpened; not mechanical)  
Large (pink pearl) erasers (2)  
EXPO dry erase markers (8 - ALL BLACK)  
Washable markers—8 classic colors pack (2 boxes)  
Highlighters  
Scissors  
Pocket folders (3, No Trapper Keeper)  
Ruler (marked standard and metric, plastic—not flexible)  
Spiral notebooks—wide ruled (4, single subject)  
Composition notebooks (2)  
Headphones or earbuds

### **FOURTH GRADE**

Book bag  
Plastic pencil box or pencil case  
Glue sticks (4)  
Kleenex tissues (2-3 boxes)  
Crayons—24 count (1 or 2 boxes)  
#2 pencils (24, sharpened)  
Large erasers (2)  
EXPO dry erase markers—4 color pack (Classic Colors, 2 boxes)  
Washable markers (8)  
Colored pencils (12)  
Highlighters (2 colors)  
Red checking pens (2+)  
Scissors  
Pocket folders (5, different colors)  
Ruler (marked standard and metric)  
Spiral notebooks—wide-ruled (5, single subject)  
Composition notebook (2)  
Loose leaf paper—wide-ruled (2 packages)  
Headphones or earbuds  
Notecards - 100 (2 packs)  
-No pencil sharpeners or Trapper keepers-

### **FIRST GRADE**

Book bag  
Plastic pencil box (8" X 5")  
Elmer's glue (1 bottle)  
Glue sticks (8)  
Kleenex tissues (2 boxes)  
Crayons—24 count (2 boxes)  
#2 yellow pencils (24, sharpened)  
Large (pink pearl) erasers (2)  
EXPO thick dry erase markers— (4 - ALL BLACK)  
Washable markers—8 classic colors pack (2 boxes)  
Fiskar children's scissors  
Two-pocket folders without prongs (2 solid yellow, 2 solid blue)  
Headphones (No Earbuds)  
Mead Primary/Wide Rule Composition Notebook

### **THIRD GRADE**

Book bag  
Plastic pencil box (8" X 5" -- No Lock)  
Glue Sticks (6)  
Kleenex tissues (3 boxes)  
Crayons—24 count (1 box)  
#2 pencils (36, sharpened; not mechanical)  
Large eraser (1)  
EXPO dry erase markers chisel tip classic color 8 pack (1)  
EXPO dry eraser (1)  
Washable markers—8 classic tip classic colors pack (1 box)  
Colored pencils (12)  
Highlighters (4, multicolor, NOT GEL)  
Scissors  
Pocket folders (4, one each of red, yellow, green, and blue)  
Ruler (marked standard and metric, plastic—not flexible)  
Spiral notebooks—wide ruled (3, single subject)  
Composition notebook, 9.75" x 7.5" (2)  
Loose leaf paper—wide-ruled (2 packages)  
Headphones or earbuds

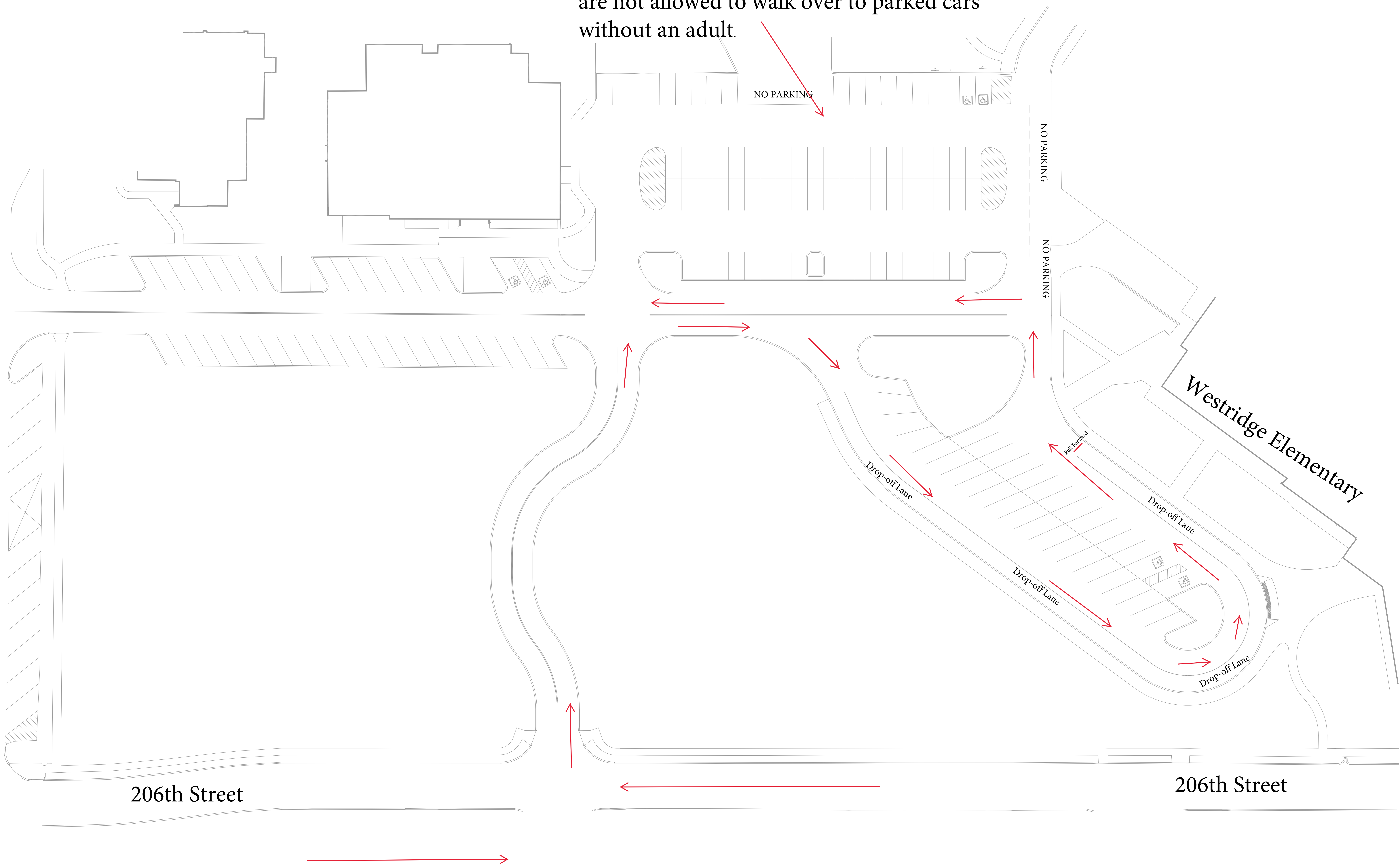
### **FIFTH GRADE**

Book bag  
Pencil pocket (soft nylon) with a zipper  
Glue sticks (3)  
Kleenex tissues (3 boxes)  
#2 pencils—(24, sharpened)  
EXPO dry erase markers—4 color pack (1 box)  
Washable markers—8 classic colors pack (1 box)  
Colored pencils (12)  
Highlighters (2 different colors)  
Checking pens  
Scissors  
Pocket folders (5)  
Ruler (marked standard and metric)  
Spiral notebooks—wide-ruled (4, single subject)  
Composition notebook (2)  
Loose leaf paper—wide-ruled (1 package)  
Note cards (100)  
Binders—one inch with pockets (1)  
Large Eraser (1)  
Headphones or earbuds  
-No Trapper keepers-

**\*\*\*Note: Supplies such as pencils and loose leaf paper may need to be replenished throughout the school year.**



If parking in this lot parents need to walk over to Westridge and pick up their children. Students are not allowed to walk over to parked cars without an adult.



# **POLICY 802.04 – MEAL CHARGE POLICY**

## **Policy 802.04**

### **Meal Charge Policy**

It is the policy of the District to comply with the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program and all other federal grant programs that provide free or reduced meals to qualifying students. Students in grades K-5 will be allowed to charge up to -\$10.00. Notification will be emailed to parents or guardians on the account when the account reaches \$5.00. Students falling below \$0 will have a hard copy notification sent home informing parents of a negative balance. Students in grades 6-12 will not be allowed to charge. A student may go negative for one day, as long as they have a positive balance in their account before their transaction.

### **Student Eligibility**

Families of students who may be eligible for free or reduced price school meals should submit an application to determine their eligibility. Applications are available through the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee. As long as an application is submitted on or after July 1, the application will be considered current for the new school year. A student may become eligible for free or reduced meals at any time during the school year if the household experiences a change in financial circumstances.

### **Meal Account Balances**

The District will ensure that families can check their meal account balances in a manner other than exclusively online. The District will ensure that at least one form of meal account payment is free of charge.

The District encourages families to pre-pay without charge for free or reduced price meals. Notwithstanding the option to pre-pay, students and families will have a method to add funds during the school day. Any balance remaining in a pre-paid account shall carry over into the next month. Households approved for free or reduced price meals with funds remaining in their meal account at the end of the school year may request a refund or funds will carry over to the next school year.

When a student leaves the District or graduates, the District shall attempt to contact the student's household to return any funds remaining in the student's meal account. Unpaid meal charges may be carried over at the end of the school year as a delinquent debt and the District shall undertake reasonable collection efforts to collect unpaid meal charges classified as delinquent debt, pursuant to and in compliance with state and federal law. The District shall maintain records of its collection efforts and, once delinquent meal charges are converted to bad debt, its documentation establishing and handling of the bad debt.

### **Student Confidentiality**

The District will disclose individual student eligibility information only to those persons (and organizations) who require the information in order to carry out an activity specifically authorized by the National School Lunch Act, subject to applicable legal exceptions. The District shall not use or implement any colored or coded meal cards, tickets, tokens, or other methods of payment that would overtly identify a student as being eligible for free or reduced price meals.

### **Distribution Annually**

This policy shall be provided in writing to all students' households at the start of each school year and to households transferring to the District during the school year. This policy shall also be provided annually to District staff members responsible for the enforcement of this policy, including food service professionals. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall maintain documentation of the annual distribution of this policy to students' households and District staff.

Reference: Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. § 1751); U.S.D.A. Memorandum SP 57-2016.

Adopted: May 8, 2017