

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We at Cheboygan Area Schools understand that, at times, it may be difficult provide the necessary funds to cover the cost of a meal. It is for that reason, we have the following policy in place:

Students who purchase a qualifying meal** will have the option to charge that meal in the event that the funds are not available in their account. The credit limit for these types of charges is set at \$15.00, (meaning fifteen dollars in the negative). Up to that point, the student will be able to choose from any of the available entrée choices for their lunch. Once the \$15.00 limit is reached, the student will be offered an alternate meal, which may consist of a cheese sandwich, fruit, and milk. **The students account will still be charged the price of a meal, as it is not cost free to the district.** Once funds in the account are repaid, the student will be entitled to the full array of choices.

Charging, as an option, is only available for a qualifying meal. Ala carte purchases, whether a second entrée or snack item, will not be permitted.

To access your student's lunch account information, including balances, you will need the student's school ID number. You will then visit the following website:

<https://mealmagic.cheboyganareaschools.org/mealmagic/mylunchaccount>

then follow the prompts to gain access.

The link is also available on the schools website:

www.chebschools.org See the "Quick Links" in the left-hand column. Look for "Meal Magic."

For questions regarding the policy, please contact John Galacz at 231.627-4144 ext 1410 or email at galaczj@cheboygan.k12.mi.us

Thank you for your attention to these matters,

John Galacz
Director of Dining Services

**Qualifying meals:

Parameters are set by the USDA for serving nutritious and complete meals in schools. These meals consist of five different food items (5 Meal Components).

- Fluid Milk
- Vegetable
- Fruit
- Bread/ Bread Alternative
- Meat/ Meat Alternative

Students are required to take three of the five components for a meal to qualify.

As an example, a cheeseburger or slice of pizza and milk, qualify as a meal, but the student may add fruit and vegetable if they choose to.