

## MEAL ACCOUNTS

- Each active Dryden student automatically has a meal account set up for his/her use through our One Source POS system. This account is designed to function as a debit system, where parents or students deposit money into their accounts for future use in the cafeteria. The District's Charge Policy is discussed separately below. Students are also welcome to pay cash for their meals at the time of service if that is more convenient.
- Deposits may be made by sending in cash or check with the student or by using the online payment system which is described below. Money sent to school should be in a sealed envelope with the student's name on it. The envelope should be given to the child's teacher (students K-5) or given to a Cafeteria cashier (students 6-12). Deposits can also be made in person at the Food Service Office which is located in the Middle School Cafeteria. Checks may also be mailed to the Food Service Office using the District's mailing address (PO Box 88; Dryden, NY 13053).
- Each student has both a "Meal" and a "General" account set up. The "Meal" account can only be used to purchase full meals. It cannot be used to purchase snacks, extra entrees, drinks or second meals. It is useful for the parent that would like to restrict their child's purchases. Money deposited on the "General" account can be used to purchase anything for sale in the cafeteria including full meals. The parent should specify into which account they would like the money deposited.
- Meal prices for 2011-12 school year: (K-5) Breakfast is \$1.10, Lunch is \$2.10. For (6-12) Breakfast is \$1.10, Lunch is \$2.35. Students eligible for reduced meals pay \$.25 per meal. Additional milk or juice is \$.50 and ice cream is \$.75.

## MEALPAY PLUS

- We offer the convenience of online deposits through [www.mealpayplus.com](http://www.mealpayplus.com). This service is also accessible by phone at 1-800 961-7038. The District website has a direct link to the site as well as additional information in the Food Services section. Parents wishing to use this site must first set up an account with them. You will need your student's ID number which may be obtained by calling the Food Service Office at 844-8694 ext.4206.
- Once an account has been set up a parent is able to view a student's transactions for the last 45 days, elect to receive a low-balance email alert, and make online deposits using a credit card or e-check. There is a service charge of 4.75% on all deposits, but the other features may be used for free.
- When depositing money online, please make sure to indicate whether you wish the funds to be deposited into the child's "Meal" or "General" account as discussed above. The default setting is for "Meals" which will restrict the purchases to full meals only.
- This program will be changing its name to MyPaymentsPlus in January 2012. All existing accounts will seamlessly roll over to the new site.

# DISTRICT CHARGING POLICY

- It is the responsibility of the School Lunch Program to provide a nutritious meal every day when school is in session to those students who wish to participate in the program. It is also the right of the District to receive money for those foods that are sold throughout the year. This money may come through the state as reimbursement, which is why families are encouraged to fill out an application for free/reduced meals each year to assess their children's eligibility. If students are not eligible for these benefits, then the money must come from the parent or the student. If the student does not have the money to purchase the meal, the student may temporarily use the charge program provided by the District outlined below.

## a.) **School Charge Policy**

Each student may receive up to six (6) charges before receiving a "courtesy meal" consisting of a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, a piece of fruit, and a milk for lunch and cereal and milk for breakfast. No separate drinks, snacks, or ala carte items may be charged. All accounts must be settled within 30 days of the first charge. Accounts not settled may be referred to a collection agent.

## b.) **Checks Returned for Insufficient Funds**

When a check is returned for insufficient funds, a notice will be sent from the Treasurer to inform the parent(s) of the returned check. Payment with fees is expected within fourteen (14) days of the date of the letter. Please send these payments directly to the Treasurer and not to the cafeteria.

## c.) **Balances Owed at End of Year**

All outstanding balances must be paid by the end of June. Notices will be sent home the last week of school to students owing money. All positive balances will transfer over to the next school year. Accounts not settled may be referred to a collection agent.

## d.) **Parent/Guardian Responsibilities**

If parents or guardians choose not to have their children participate in the School Lunch Program, it is their responsibility to provide a midday meal for those students. If parents or guardians do choose to participate, then it is their responsibility to provide money for their children to purchase a meal. If neither of these choices is consistently made, the School District reserves the right to refer the family to Social Services due to physical neglect.

