

Chenango Valley Central School District Charge Meal Policy

I. Purpose

As part of our commitment to ensuring all students have access to nutritious meals, Chenango Valley CSD participates in the Community Eligibility Provision. This means that all students enrolled in our district receive meals at no charge, regardless of income status. There are no fees associated with school meals for any student. We believe that access to healthy meals is essential for academic success and are proud to provide this service to our students.

II. Policy

All students will be allowed to receive a free breakfast and lunch meal of their choice each day. A la carte items or other similar items must be paid/prepaid. These items cannot be charged to a student account and no negative balances are allowed for student or adult accounts.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to complete an income form each year. The completion of this form is not required and will not affect the status of the student receiving a free breakfast and/or lunch daily.

III. Process

Students/Parents/Guardians may pay for a la carte items in advance via EZ Meal Pay, with cash or with a check payable to Chenango Valley Food Service Dept. Any remaining funds for a particular student may/will be carried over to the next school year.

Refunds for withdrawn, and graduating students; a written or e-mailed request for a refund of any money remaining in their account must be submitted. Students who are graduating at the end of the year will be given the option to transfer to a sibling's account with a written request.

Requests for unclaimed funds received after one year may not be able to be accommodated. Unclaimed funds will become the property of the Chenango Valley CSD Food Service Program.

IV. Ongoing Eligibility Certification

The district will conduct a daily direct certification search with NYSSIS for all new students. Four times a year, the district will conduct a direct certification by utilizing a district drop through NYSED to maximize free eligibility.

Schools will coordinate with the district's homeless coordinators at least monthly to certify eligible students.