



## Child Nutrition Program

### Meal Charge Policy

Due to Cornerstone Schools of Alabama sponsoring the USDA Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), one reimbursable meal for breakfast and lunch will be available at no cost to all enrolled students in our district each day.

However, students will NOT be allowed to charge for second meals or a la carte items. Adults and employees will also NOT be allowed to charge meals and/or a la carte items through the Child Nutrition Program. All adults are expected to have money on their account or their child's account before purchasing a meal in the cafeteria. Therefore, no charges should occur within the Child Nutrition Program.

To make it easy for parents to view charges and get notified of low balances, we have partnered with Linq-Titan School Solutions. There is no charge for parents to create an account. You can monitor your student's transactions as well as receive emails regarding low student meal balances by visiting <https://linqconnect.com/>.

CSA offers three options for a parent to fund their student's account:

1. Pay online through the [school website](#)
2. Send cash in an envelope with Child's Name and Grade to the front office
3. Checks made out to CSA Child Nutrition Program

**Bad (NSF) or Returned Check:** Please note that if you pay with a check and the check is returned, an automatic \$30.00 returned check fee will be applied to your account. Any family that submits two returned checks may be denied the ability to pay by check in the future.

It is unlawful for the Child Nutrition Program to absorb unpaid, charged meals. Parents are responsible for providing funds for student accounts. Unpaid meal charges are viewed by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as bad debts. Bad debts must be written off as operating losses; this particular operating loss may not be absorbed by the non-profit school food service account (NSFSA), but must be restored using non-Federal funds.