

## ABINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS - FOOD SERVICE POLICY

Revised August 2019

The Food Service Program uses the software program "Nutrikids" in all the schools in the district. A student is assigned a unique PIN number which is entered at the school cashier stations to complete any transaction.

The Food Service Program provides a nutritionally government approved breakfast and lunch daily to all students wishing to take advantage of the program. There are three pricing levels:

Free: Students who have been approved for a free lunch through either an application process or directly certified through the Department of Transitional Assistance database.

Reduced: Students who qualify for a reduced-price lunch (0.40) through the application process or directly certified through the Department of Transitional Assistance database.

Full Price: Students who purchase meals with no qualified reduction.

A student may purchase a school breakfast or lunch in one of the following ways:

- a. Use pre-paid funds in their individual food service account; or
- b. Use cash in the amount owed.

Contact the Food Service Office if you need assistance setting up your child's Nutrikids (www.myschoolbucks.com ) account.

The School Lunch Program is mandated to provide free or reduced priced meals to only those students who have qualified for that benefit. We are required by law to collect appropriate funds for all other meals provided. With these realities, we have developed the following grade related policies:

### Grade K through 12:

No student will ever be denied a breakfast or lunch. We believe that no child should suffer due to the action or inaction of others. We will concentrate our efforts instead on collecting the debt from parents/caregivers. While no meal will be denied, no additional purchases (a la carte items) will be allowed. The appropriate cost of the meal we furnish will be added to the debt already present. Please be aware that the debt follows children to the next grade.

### NEGATIVE ACCOUNTS

Families of students with negative accounts will be notified on a regular basis of the delinquent account. We encourage use of the website [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) to monitor the activity in your student's accounts. Please know that on occasion debt will be discussed with school principals and others to ensure that this issue is not a symptom of a larger problem that the student and family may be experiencing.

If at any time during the school year a family's financial situation changes, we encourage filing a new or revised Free/Reduced Lunch Application.

*Approved by the  
Abington School Committee  
On August 27, 2019*