## **Food Service Department Meal Charge Policy**

Breakfast is available at no charge to all students in the Lowell School District.

Due to Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), all Lundy Elementary School and Lowell High School students receive Lunch at no charge.

Mountain View Academy and Lowell Community Preschool are non-CEP schools. Students at non-CEP schools, who do not have an approved source for free or reduced priced meals, may charge \$5.50 to their food service account -- This is the equivalent of two lunches. This gives families time to send money for their student to bring their account to a positive balance.

Due to the federal regulation, if a student exceeds the district charge limit, they will not be served the menu choices for that day. Instead they will be provided an alternate meal that meets all the federal nutritional guidelines. This will continue for three days or until the student's account returns to a positive balance.

The Lowell School District encourage all families with students who are attending a non-CEP school to fill out a Free and Reduced Meal Application. These are located in the Lundy Elementary school office and on the Lowell School District Food Service website (<a href="lowellschoolmeals.org">lowellschoolmeals.org</a>) under the Meal Application section. All students who are approved for reduced price status, are served meals at no charge.

All applications for free and reduced meals must be processed within 10 days of receipt. **FAMILIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL MEAL CHARGES DURING THIS PROCESSING PERIOD.** 

For more information on Free and Reduced Meal Applications, contact the Lowell District Eligibility Official, Colette Ullrich, at (541) 554-4969.