

Changes in Baltic Elementary School Parent/Student Handbook for 2017-18

With the exception of the change in meal prices (breakfasts increased from \$1.35 to \$1.40 and lunch increased from \$2.50 to \$2.60), the only changes in the elementary handbook were to the Lunch and Breakfast Program policy with the updated policy as follows.

U. Lunch and Breakfast Program: Baltic School District participates in the Free and Reduced Price Meals Program through the National School Lunch Program for families within income guidelines. Applications are available on the district website or by request from the school business office. The information provided on the application is strictly confidential and will be limited only to the certifying official(s). Applications may be submitted at any time during the year, but eligibility may not be applied retroactively.

Baltic Schools have a closed lunch period, which means students may not leave school during the lunch period. Students have the option of participating in the school's lunch program or bringing their own lunch to school. Information on each of these options is outlined below.

Students who choose to participate in the school lunch and/or breakfast program must deposit money into their individual meal account by bringing money to a school secretary or electronic deposits can be made via the school website, and it is requested the minimum payment be for 20 days. Student meal accounts will be checked weekly, and if a student's meal account is \$15 or less, parents will be notified via email and text message and a request made to deposit money into their child's account. If a student's account becomes \$0 or less, parents will be notified on a daily basis via email and text message and a request made to deposit money into their child's account. In addition, when a student's lunch account becomes \$0 or less, they will not be allowed to purchase the regular student meal and instead they will be allowed to purchase a "low balance meal," which is one cheese sandwich and a carton of milk. After the 5th low balance meal, the student will be responsible for providing their own meal including beverage. Students on free or reduced lunches will not be allowed seconds unless they have a positive balance in their meal account.

Families will be assigned one meal account per child. It is recommended that parents use Parent Portal on the on-line Campus information system to monitor their children's meal activity and account. The school will not transfer money from one child's account to another without permission from the parents.

Students who carryover a negative meal account balance from the previous school year will not be allowed to participate in the breakfast or lunch program until they have deposited money to achieve a positive balance in their meal account. An exception to this will be made for students on free or reduced meals who will receive their free or reduced price meal but not be allowed seconds until they have a positive balance in their meal account.

Students must walk to and from lunch in an orderly fashion and form a single line to receive food. Cutting in the lunch line is prohibited. When students are finished eating, they should clean up after themselves and place eating utensils and garbage in the designated areas. Students may leave the lunchroom, with permission, to use the restroom, and students may not be in the halls or classrooms.

Students may bring their lunch to school if they desire but will be required to eat in the commons. Students who bring their lunch may purchase milk at the going price. Baltic is a "peanut aware" school and as such, students should not bring peanut products to school as part of the lunch they bring from home. Parents are welcome to join their son or daughter for breakfast or lunch and should pay the school secretary prior to eating. Students may not have food delivered to the school, and parents and others may not bring fast food or restaurant food items to school for their children or other children. Pop, candy, gum and other food or beverage items are allowed only with the permission of the teacher, and pop is never allowed during lunchtime in the commons. The Baltic School Board sets meal prices at its annual meeting in July.

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