

# Perquimans County 2017-18 School Nutrition Meal Application Information

**All families must complete a new 2017-18 Free/Reduced Price Meal Application before September 15, 2017.**

## NEW MEAL CHARGE POLICY

**PARENTS: PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN MEAL CHARGES AS OUTLINED BELOW !**

### B. MEAL CHARGES

Students who are required to pay for meals are expected to provide payment prior to or at the time of service. Parents/caretakers are encouraged to apply for Free or Reduced Meals prior to the beginning of school each year. Parents/caretakers of all students are encouraged to set-up meal accounts for their students at the individual schools and monitor those accounts regularly, using the free online payment center at [www.K12PaymentCenter.com](http://www.K12PaymentCenter.com). The board recognizes the importance of good nutrition to the educational process and encourages student participation.

**No meal charges will be allowed at the schools for students or adults.** Families are encouraged to set-up pre-paid meal accounts at the individual schools for their students who may choose to purchase individual food items or meals and/or to send money for meals daily. Individual food items cannot be charged by students or adults at any time. To safeguard the dignity and confidentiality of students in the serving line, reasonable efforts must be used whenever possible to avoid calling attention to a student's inability to pay.

The school nutrition director and principal shall work jointly to ensure individuals/families have access to Free and Reduced Meal Applications and shall make every effort to make sure they are completed in a timely manner. If a parent regularly fails to provide meal money and does not apply or qualify for free or reduced-price meal benefits, the school nutrition staff shall inform the principal, who shall determine the next course of action, which may include notifying the department of social services of suspected child neglect.

This policy and any applicable procedures regarding meal charges must be communicated to school administrators, school food service professionals, parents and students. Parents will receive a written copy of the meal charges policy and any applicable procedures at the start of each school year and at any time their child transfers into a new school during the school year.

The superintendent or designee shall establish other procedures as appropriate to help ensure compliance with board policy and legal requirements.



You will need your student's ID number (not their lunch number) !

Log onto [www.K12PaymentCenter.com](http://www.K12PaymentCenter.com) today and set up a new account.