



URBAN ACADEMY
— OF GREATER PITTSBURGH CHARTER SCHOOL —

Meal Charge Policy

Urban Academy participates in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). As a CEP school, all enrolled students are eligible to receive **one free breakfast and one free lunch each school day** regardless of household income.

1. Free Meal Benefits

- All students enrolled at **Urban Academy** will receive **one complete breakfast and one complete lunch per day at no charge**.
- No meal applications are required for free meals under CEP.

2. Meal Charges for Additional Items

While the first complete meal is free, students who wish to purchase additional items will be responsible for the cost. The following guidelines apply:

- **Second Meals:** If a student requests a second breakfast or lunch, the full price of the meal will be charged.
- **A La Carte Items:** Extra items such as snacks, drinks, or individual entrée purchases are not included in CEP meal benefits and must be paid for at the time of purchase.

3. Payment & Account Management

- Students may pay for extra items with cash or funds available in their meal account.
- Parents/guardians are encouraged to prepay for extra purchases using **Linq Connect** — to avoid negative balances.

4. Meal Charge Limits & Notifications

- Students **will not be allowed** to charge second meals or a la carte items without sufficient funds.
- If a student's account has insufficient funds for an extra purchase, they will be informed at the time of service and given an alternative if available.
- Parents/guardians will receive **low balance notifications** via email, text, or letter if their child's meal account is running low.

6. Communication & Policy Availability

- This policy is available on the **Urban Academy website**, in the student handbook, and upon request.
- Parents/guardians with questions or concerns may contact Whitney Wall at wwall@urbanacademypgh.org

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