



Illinois State Board of Education

Mega Discussion: Unpaid Meal Policy

Nutrition Division
July 2019

Local Meal Charge Policy



- **USDA Requirement:** No later than July 1, 2017, all SFA's operating NSLP and/or SBP must have a written and clearly communicated policy.
- Requires all SFA's to establish a meal charge policy that is clearly communicated to school administrators and staff, food service professionals, families and students.

Public Act: 100-1092

Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act

- **Effective Date:** August 26, 2018
- Due to this STATE legislation, Local Meal Charge Policies may need to be updated to ensure compliance.
- Impacts all NSLP participating public or private elementary or secondary schools.

Public Act: 100-1092

Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act Summary

- Every school shall provide federally reimbursable meal or snack to students, regardless of whether the student has money or owes money.
- No alternative meal or snack allowed.
- Schools may reach out to parents/guardians to collect owed money or to request application for meal benefits.
- If amount owed greater than \$500 AND the district has made reasonable efforts to collect, option to seek an offset under the State Comptroller Act. *(Option Pending Administrative Rules via the IL Comptroller's Office)*

Public Act: 100-1092

Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act Summary

Schools may NOT identify or stigmatize a student who cannot pay in any way:

- *Wearing a wrist band;*
- *Student hand stamp;*
- *Throwing away a meal/snack;*
- *Sit in separate location;*
- *Publically posting student names; or*
- *Any other way that would stigmatize a student.*



We want to hear your story!

- Sharing Time!
 - Best Practices to Share.
 - Strategies Utilized.
 - Impact of Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act on your local district.





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