

**TALBOT COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
EASTON MD 21601**

**POLICY CODE  
4.16  
ADOPTED: 8/16/17**

### **SCHOOL MEAL CHARGES**

The Board of Education of Talbot County recognizes that healthy, nutritious meals are an important component to student readiness and ability to learn. In addition, Title 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 210, 10(a) (1) General Nutrition Requirements states, "Schools must provide nutritious and well-balanced meals to all the children they serve." In accordance with this regulation, Talbot County Public Schools will not deny any student access to school meals. However, by statute, the district's Food Service Fund is a self-supporting fund that shall not have a negative balance at the close of a fiscal year and unpaid charges place a financial strain on the Food Service Fund. To be fair and equitable and in order to ensure compliance of all who participate in the school meal program Talbot County Public Schools has established procedures for methods of payment, charge availability and collection methods.

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