

Vista Unified School District
School Breakfast and Lunch Negative Balance Procedure

The Vista Unified School District's Child Nutrition Department has taken steps to ensure your child gets the important nutrition that is needed to learn and grow.

Each family is highly encouraged to apply for [free/reduced meals](https://onlinemealapps.vistausd.org/) (https://onlinemealapps.vistausd.org/). If you qualify for free or reduced meal benefits, your child will be given a breakfast and lunch daily at no cost. If you do not qualify for meal benefits or if something happens that impacts your income, feel free to apply again. When reapplying please submit an updated proof of income that accounts for the change in income.

Vista Unified is proud to offer the Community Eligibility Program at Alta Vista, Beaumont, Bobier, Foothill Oak, General Murray, Grapevine, Hannalei, Madison, Maryland, Rancho Minerva, Vista Academy of Visual & Performing Arts and Vista Magnet. All students at the twelve sites listed are able to have breakfast and lunch free of charge.

For students not at the sites listed above and that do not qualify for free/reduced meal benefits we offer meals for a nominal fee based on meal and grade.

Daily Meal Costs:

K-5 Breakfast Cost:	\$1.00
6-8 Breakfast Cost:	\$1.25
9-12 Breakfast Cost:	\$1.50
K-5 Lunch Cost:	\$2.50
6-8 Lunch Cost:	\$2.75
9-12 Lunch Cost:	\$3.00
Staff Lunch Cost:	\$3.75



For paid students we offer three easy ways to put money on your student's account:

1. Have your student bring money in when they come to eat.
2. Visit our Child Nutrition Offices at 4680 North Ave, Oceanside, CA
3. Use the easy online payment systems, [K12PaymentCenter](#). If you opt to use [K12PaymentCenter](#), you can elect to receive notifications when your student's account is low, check your student's balance and even see what days he or she has dined with us. Please call if you have any trouble logging into the [K12PaymentCenter](#) System and we will be happy to assist.

To assist you in ensuring your student(s) accounts do not become negative, we take the following steps;

- A. Lunch account dips below +\$5.00 your child will be given a notification to bring in money. Weekly we will send home a low balance call to families that have a balance of \$6.00 or less.

To remind you about a negative balance we will take the following steps:

- A. Lunch account is negative -\$2.50 or more, we will send an automated phone call on Wednesday and Sunday to remind you to put money on the account.
- B. Lunch account is negative -\$2.50 or more, Letter sent home every Friday.

If your student's account balance is negative -and will exceed Ten Dollars (\$10.00), your student will be offered an alternative meal defined below;

Middle and High Schools - hummus, string cheese, tortilla chips, fruit/vegetable and milk.

Elementary Schools - hummus, string cheese, tortilla chips, salad bar and milk. (See Pictured)

If you have any other questions concerning our meal program, please feel free to contact WaveCrest Cafe at (760) 726-2170 extension 92400