



2026-2027 Meal Charge Policy

Our school participates in the National School Lunch Program under the Community Eligibility Provision and offers free meals to all students.

Meal Charge Policy

Hope Academy of West Michigan participates in the Community Eligibility Provision and therefore students are not charged for meals. Families are alerted of their student eligibility annually, and are aware that they will not need to pay if they do not qualify for free or reduced meals.

Student Pricing

Students who do not qualify for free or reduced priced meals are covered by the school and no debt is accrued.

- Students will not be denied meals for any reason
- Students will be served reimbursable meals, not an alternative meal
- No student will be overtly identified as receiving free or reduced-price meal benefits

Dietary Needs

- Any students with food allergies must complete the dietary needs form accompanied by a physician's note, each school year. This form can be obtained through the office.

Notification of the Meal Charge Policy

The meal charge policy will be provided in writing to all families at the start of each school year and to families transferring to the school midyear. The meal charge policy will also be provided to all school or district-level staff responsible for policy enforcement.

Bad Debt

Hope Academy of West Michigan may charge a fee for NSF checks. Students, staff, and parents will be given notice of the procedures.

Hope Academy of West Michigan operates the meal program under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and therefore, no funds are collected for meals and no student accounts go negative.

However, if an account could go negative, uncollected fund balances will not be carried over from one fiscal year to the next. Monies will be taken from non-public funds at the end of the year to cover the amount of the worthless checks. When payment is received, the funds will be deposited back into the non-public fund account.

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202-690-7442; or
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Program.Intake@usda.gov.

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