

## **NUTRITION SERVICE CHARGE POLICY INFORMATION**

This notice is to inform families that the USDA has required all districts to adopt a meal charge policy. This requirement is necessary due to the outstanding and uncollectable debt incurred by school food services. School food service operations are self-funded and should not rely on the district for financial help. It is our intention and desire to feed all students, however, when charging occurs and it is not repaid, it places a financial strain on the department that can't be supported.

Effective July 1, 2017, our district charge policy will be that students may charge their lunch when necessary with the understanding that the unpaid balance will be paid as soon as possible. Any outstanding balance will be added to school fees at the end of the year. Students will not be allowed to borrow for ala carte items. In effort to comply with USDA requirements, we're providing this written communication to you. Additionally, you should receive a One-Call communication from your child's building principal discussing our district charge policy. The policy is also available on our district website. Parents are encouraged to set up an account using our online payment center. You can monitor balances and put money on your students account at no cost to you, as well as set up to receive email alerts for a low balance in your child's account. Please see the link on the district website below:

[www.huberheightscityschools.org](http://www.huberheightscityschools.org)

**We would appreciate your help with this as it is important to us that our students have a nutritious lunch. It is our desire and goal for lunch to be the best part of their day.**

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about this mandatory policy, please call the Nutrition Service office at 937-237-6398.