

## **MEAL CHARGES**

In accordance with state and federal law, the Gilbert Community School District has adopted the following policy to ensure students, families and school district employees have an understanding of expectations regarding meal policies. It seeks to allow students to receive the nutrition they need during the school day, and it prevents the overt identification of students with insufficient funds to pay for school meals. It also attempts to maintain the financial integrity of the nonprofit school nutrition program.

### **Payment of Meals**

- The payment for meals can be made by depositing money online through Infinite Campus. Payment can also be made at your child's building office, or at the district office.
- Students who qualify for free meals will never be denied a reimbursable meal even if they have a negative balance from previous purchases.

### **Negative Account Balances**

- Gilbert Schools will make reasonable efforts to notify families when meal account balances are low.
- The school district will make reasonable efforts to collect unpaid meal charges classified as delinquent debt. Communications with the student's parents or guardians will be made in an attempt to resolve the unpaid charges.
- Parents or guardians will be notified by building personnel of an outstanding negative balance once it reaches \$10.00 per child.
- Negative balances of more than \$100.00 will be turned over to the superintendent or the superintendent's designee for collection.