# *iLEAD Charter Schools- Agua Dulce* 2019-2020 Meal Charge Policy

## **Application for Free and Reduced Price Meals**

Our school participates in the National School Lunch Program, and offers free or reduced priced meals to families who qualify. All families are encouraged to submit a meal application by the first week of school – one application per household is needed. Families can at any time submit a new application if there is a change in the household income or family household number. Applications can be accessed in the front office or downloaded from our website at <a href="https://ileadaguadulce.org/">https://ileadaguadulce.org/</a>

### **Meal Charge Policy**

Families are strongly encouraged to pre-pay for meals on a regular and consistent basis, unless they qualify for free meals.

Students will be allowed to charge up to \$20.00. Parents will be notified via *phone or letter* of low balances or an exceeded charge limit, and will be expected to immediately submit a payment so that their child may continue to eat in the cafeteria. At any time, parents may also submit an application for free and reduced meals if the household is experiencing hardship.

### **Student Pricing**

- Students who do not qualify for free or reduced price meals must pay \$3.00 for lunch and \$1.90 for breakfast
- Students who qualify for reduced meals must pay and \$0.40 for lunch and \$0.30 for breakfast

#### **Payment Options**

- Students or Parents may pay cash for meals daily at the front office.

# **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.

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(2) fax: 202-690-7442; or

(3) email: <u>program.intake@usda.gov</u>

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