



BOARD POLICY NO.: 2020.055

Meal Charge Policy

Great Valley Academy (“GVA”) seeks to offer all students with healthy and nutritious meals each school day. This policy is to insure compliance with federal reporting requirements for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child Nutrition Program and to provide oversight and accountability to the program procedures.

Great Valley Academy provides meals as a courtesy to any student whom does not have a meal available (i.e. forgotten, dropped/damaged). All GVA students will be provided with a breakfast and/or lunch regardless of their meal account balance. Meals provided to students who do not qualify for Free or Reduced Priced Meals (FRPM) will not be charged to the student’s meal account. The ability to provide a breakfast and/or lunch to a student without a meal is subject to availability.

If a student requests a meal, the following steps will be followed:

1. If a meal is available through nutrition services, a meal will be provided at no cost.
2. If a meal is not available, student will call home to have a meal arranged.
3. If the student is found to need a meal regularly, the school staff will contact the parent/guardians to further offer assistance (i.e. help with meal application for FRPM qualification, online ordering account creation).

Students will not be shamed, treated differently, disrespected or retaliated against for requesting a meal. Students will not be served a meal that is not compliant with the nutritional standards of the USDA Child Nutrition Program. There will be no adverse action taken against the student for receiving a meal.

Households may apply for Free or Reduced Priced Meals through these systems:

Online at <https://mymealtime.com/Apps>. The online application is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and expedites the approval process.

In person, during school business hours, in the front office of each school site. A paper application can be picked up or the computer kiosk (school provided) may be used to complete the application.

Meal ordering is done online at <https://gva.boonli.com/login>. There is a computer kiosk available for parent/guardian use to order lunches, during school business hours, in the front office of each school site.

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Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Other available resources for families:

Cal Fresh –

https://www.getcalfresh.org/?source=g2&gclid=EA1aIQobChMIqPWlt-GT6gIV3x-tBh0AgQ1bEAAAYASAAEgKfSPD_BwE

Healthcare Covered California - <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/eligibility/Pages/SingleStreamApps.aspx>

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) About WIC -

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CFH/DWICSN/Pages/HowCanIGetWIC.aspx#:~:text=Working%20families%20and%20migrant%20families,local%20agency%20site%20near%20you.>

Summer Meal Service Programs - <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sh/sn/summersites.asp>

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Signature, President or Secretary

Board Action: Motion: Mr. Wolf, 2nd: Mrs. Meraz

AYES: Wolf, Jamison, Meraz, Nisan

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Payne, Tosh

ABSTAIN: None