

Breakthrough Montessori Public Charter School Meal Charge Policy  
SY 2023-2026

This Unpaid Meal Policy (UMP) ensures Breakthrough Montessori PCS operates under the Federal school meal programs. This policy will cover all students in grades PK3-5. This policy shall be used for all meal programs, including breakfast, lunch, and snack. This policy allows students to be charged per meal based on the amount Breakthrough Montessori has stated for the year. Families can apply for Free and Reduced Meals (FARM) by requesting a FARM application.

For assistance with this application, the designated officials are as listed:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title/ Relationship to the School or District</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
Ino Okoawo	Director of Operations	<a href="mailto:ino@breakthroughmontessori.org">ino@breakthroughmontessori.org</a>
Landy Cervantes	Manager of Operations and Data	<a href="mailto:landy@breakthroughmontessori.org">landy@breakthroughmontessori.org</a>

If students receive a change in FARM status the student will receive a written notice within 10 days of the change of meal plan.

Breakthrough Montessori does offer students a pay later option, which allows the student to charge a maximum of \$30.00 or 10 meals, whichever is the greater charge. Student will receive alternate meals once this minimum exceeds the cost of the meal.

Reimbursable/alternative lunch meals will include frozen meals that meet all food groups and portion requirements based on grade.

Families will receive three (3) delinquent balance notices; First notice will be an emailed account balance notice after 15 days, the second notice will be a printed invoice sent to the family addressing the negative balance/delinquent meal debt after 30 days, the final notice will be after 60 days to review the invoice and discuss options of payment plan or submitting a FARM application.

Breakthrough Montessori will cover the cost exceeding \$31.00 or 10 meals, whichever is of greater value. Breakthrough will offer re-payment plans for families that will divide the balance based on the number of months remaining in the school year. Payment plans can be discussed with the Operations team at BMPCS. Breakthrough Montessori will not deny students daily meals due to delinquent account balances.