GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE MOREHOUSE COLLEGE OFF-CAMPUS MEAL PROGRAM FOR THE 2013-2014 ACADEMIC YEAR

Students and parents are notified of six guiding principles for the off-campus meal program:

• Meal plan participants have a limited window for cancellation or downward modification of an active off-campus meal plan.
• Off-campus meal plans must be applied for each semester; active meal plans for a given semester do not carry over to the next semester.
• The cost will be prorated for the student who initially elects to participate in an off-campus meal plan after the semester begins.
• The unused portion of a meal plan for a given semester is forfeited automatically.
• Unused DCBs (declining card balances or flex dollars) for a given semester are forfeited automatically.
• Participation in the Off-Campus Meal Plan Program is limited to off-campus students and occupants of the Otis Moss Suites.

The College is making this announcement now so that students and parents will know the guiding principles for the off-campus meal program for the 2013-2014 school year. Knowing this information before the 2013 summer break gives students and parents the opportunity to plan accordingly for the upcoming school year.

The window of opportunity for canceling or downward modification (i.e., from 15 to 5 meals per week) of an active meal plan is the end of the drop/add period on the academic calendar – that is, August 30, 2013 for the fall semester and January 24, 2014 for the spring semester. After these dates, the meal plan participant automatically assumes full financial responsibility for the cost of his chosen meal plan for the remainder of the semester.

The student who is uncertain about retaining a meal plan for the entire semester should pay-as-he-goes in the campus dining facility until he reaches a firm decision about a meal plan choice. Otherwise, notice of a decision to effect a downward modification or cancellation must be communicated in writing to the Student Accounts Office using the meal plan cancellation form on or before the deadline specified above. The form is available on request in the Student Accounts Office, in 200 B Gloster Hall.
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The eligible student who applies for off-campus meal plans after the end of drop/add automatically assumes financial responsibility for the full cost for the remainder of the semester. Belated application eliminates the cancellation or downward modification option. Of course, the cost of a meal plan is prorated for the late applicant.

Note: The end of drop/add should not be confused with the withdrawal period or the last day to withdraw from a class near the end of the semester. It is the end of drop/add, as noted on the academic calendar.

The eligible and interested student, including the fall meal plan participant, must apply for his choice of meal plan for the spring semester. Active meal plans for the fall semester are not rolled over to the spring semester automatically. The unused portion of a meal plan for a given semester expires at the end of the semester.

Application each semester affirms the student’s interest in the meal plan, ensures accuracy in billing, allows the student to choose a different meal plan, and eliminates customer complaints about inflated billing charges with the automatic roll over of meal plans.

Meal plans are built into the cost for students who reside in traditional residence halls in a roommate or core single room setting where room and board are inseparable. Therefore, occupants of traditional residence halls are ineligible to participate in the off-campus meal program. Only off-campus students and occupants of the Otis Moss Suites are eligible to participate in the off-campus meal program.

All eligible students who wish to participate in the off-campus meal plan program for the 2013-2014 academic year should be aware of these guiding principles and govern themselves accordingly.

The process for online requests for meal plans for the 2013-2014 academic year opens July 1 for the fall semester and December 2 for the spring semester. The online application takes approximately 60 to 90 seconds to complete at www.morehouse.edu.