

Meal Plan Contract Terms and Conditions

The term of this contract is for the full upcoming academic year (defined as the Fall and Spring semesters, combined), or if entered into after the start of the Fall semester, for the remainder of the academic year. Meal plans are added to student fee statements prior to the Fall semester. At the conclusion of the Fall semester, students are automatically enrolled in the same meal plan for the Spring semester. The first day of dining operations coincides with the day that the Residence Halls open for occupancy. The last day of dining operations coincides with the day that the Residence Halls close.

Due to the varying number of students contracted for dining services, the University reserves the right to limit and/or modify dining service hours and/or to close one of the dining facilities during the contracted period. This contract becomes effective upon execution of the housing and/or dining agreement by both the student and an authorized University official for the entire academic year contracted, excluding University holidays such as Thanksgiving, winter or spring breaks, emergency closures, and other student holidays that the University may grant. The rates are subject to change as approved by the Board of Regents, Texas State University System. Refer to Residence Life [Housing and Dining Rates](#) for current meal plan costs.

1) Types of Meal Plans.

- a) Resident meal plans include the All Access, 15 meals Per Week, or 10 Meals Per Week (required first-year students)

2) Meal Plan Payment. Payment for the meal plan will be made according to the payment schedules set forth by the Sam Houston State University [Cashier's Office](#). As described in the [SHSU Catalog](#), failure to meet financial obligations to the University may result in any or all of the following non-inclusive sanctions: dismissal from the University, withholding future registration privileges, withholding the conferring of a degree and/or barring re-admission. If amounts become past due, the University reserves the right to report the account to the Credit Bureau. This will also initiate collection efforts and could cause the University to employ an outside collection agency to recover the debt. If collection efforts must be made, the student will be required to pay all collection costs.

3) Termination of Contract.

- a) Liquidated Damages. \$25.00 in liquidated damages shall be assessed for any approved contract termination unless terminated due to student teaching assignment
- b) Students not residing in the residence halls (students who are not required to have a meal plan): Students may immediately terminate the meal plan contract by submitting a written request to the Department of Residence Life up until the Friday of the first week of classes, subject to liquidated damages of \$25.00 assessed. After the first week of classes, if student wishes to terminate this contract, student must apply to terminate the contract



through the [MySam Student Portal](#). Termination of the contract will only be approved for certain mitigating circumstances that did not previously exist at the beginning of the contracted period. Official resignation from the University will terminate this contract immediately, requiring payments as noted under Meal Plan Payment. Bearkat Bucks may be affected, as per section 5) Bearkat Bucks.

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