

**ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
AGENDA ACTION SHEET**

Date: September 14, 2026

Subject: Action Item – Child Nutrition Adult Meal Prices

Administrator Responsible: Eva Cisneros

Position: Chief Financial Officer

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

☐ Information Only

☒ Action Needed

B. Authority for this Action:

☐ Local Policy

☒ Law or Rule

C. Strategic Objective, Goal, or Need Addressed:

To set the 2026-2027 adult meal prices.

D. Summary: As per TDA guidelines, adult meal prices (breakfast and lunch) must be set high enough to cover the total per-meal cost, including food, labor, and the value of any donated USDA foods. Robstown ISD's minimum rates for 2026-2027 are \$5.34 for lunch and \$3.52 for breakfast. We are recommending rates slightly higher to ease cafeteria cash transactions. The rates recommended are \$5.50 for lunch and \$3.75 for breakfast, a \$0.25 increase from the 2025-2026 rates.

E. Alternatives Considered: N/A

F. Comments Received: N/A

G. Administrative Recommendation: N/A

H. Fiscal Impact and Cost: N/A

I. Monitoring and Reporting Timeline: Required minimum prices are calculated yearly.

Adult Meal Calculator Worksheet

This worksheet provides the information needed to calculate adult meal prices using both approved methods. Choose the method of calculation (see the *Administrator's Reference Manual (ARM), Section 19, Meal Pricing* for additional information on which method to use). If the rate applies, record the rate in the *Amount CE Receives* cell. If using Method 1, record the local student paid charge in the designated *Local Student Paid Charge* cell. If using Excel, this worksheet will automatically calculate the amounts in the *Minimum Adult Charge* and *Total Federal Funds* cells. All amounts are carried to 4 digits and must be rounded up when determining the adult meal price. Non-pricing programs must always use Method 2. TDA posts the current reimbursement rates at [SquareMeals.org](https://squaremeals.org).

Use the applicable rates for the school year when the adult meal prices will apply.

Method 1 Lunch	
Federal Funds/Reimbursement Rate	Amount CE Receives
Paid Reimbursement Rate	
Performance-Based Rate	
Severe Need Lunch Rate	
USDA Foods Rate	
Total Federal Funds Received	
Highest Local Student Price Charged	
Minimum Adult Charge	\$ -
Method 2 Lunch	
Federal Funds/Reimbursement Rate	Amount CE Receives
Free Reimbursement Rate	\$ 4.76
Performance-Based Rate	\$ 0.09
Severe Need Lunch Rate	\$ 0.02
USDA Foods Rate	\$ 0.47
Total Federal Funds Received	\$ 5.34
Minimum Adult Charge	\$ 5.34

Method 1 Breakfast	
Federal Funds/Reimbursement Rate	Amount CE Receives
Paid Reimbursement Rate	
USDA Foods Rate (Add if USDA Foods are used at breakfast)	
Total Federal Funds Received	
Highest Local Student Price Charged	
Minimum Adult Breakfast Charge	\$ -
Method 2 Breakfast	
Federal Funds/Reimbursement Rate	Amount CE Receives
Free Reimbursement Rate	
Severe Need Breakfast Rate	\$ 3.05
USDA Foods Rate (Add if USDA Foods are used at breakfast)	\$ 0.47
Total Federal Funds Received	\$ 3.52
Minimum Adult Breakfast Charge	\$ 3.52