

BRAZOSPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

September 21, 2026



BOARD: Consent

SUBJECT: Meal Prices for School Year (SY) 2026-2027

BOARD POLICY: COB (Legal)

DISTRICT GOAL: Brazosport ISD will exercise fiscal responsibility to ensure financial strength and provide the resources to equip and maintain quality facilities and educational programming

FISCAL NOTE: USDA regulations require adult meal prices to fully recover the cost of meal production. The proposed increase is based on the annual cost analysis and ensures continued compliance with federal requirements.

Background Information:

- Chapter 11, Subchapter D, of the *Texas Education Code* grants broad powers to the board of trustees of an independent school district to govern and oversee the management of the public schools of a district. Section 11.151(b) of the *Code* states that "the trustees...have the exclusive power and duty to govern and oversee the management of the public schools of the district."

Administrative Considerations:

- Section 205 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 requires districts participating in the National School Lunch Program to ensure that funds generated from the reimbursement of free meals are not used to subsidize paid student lunches.
- Effective July 1, 2011, the United States Department of Agriculture mandates that districts raise lunch prices annually until the district's paid meal price meets or exceeds the difference between the free meal reimbursement rate and the paid meal reimbursement rate.
- For the 2026–2027 school year, BISD meal prices remain \$0 for all students through participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which allows all enrolled students to receive one free breakfast and one free lunch each school day. Although School Food Authorities typically complete a Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) calculation annually, paid student meal

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prices are not applicable while the district participates in CEP, as meals are provided at no charge to all students.

- Each year, Child Nutrition completes an annual cost analysis to determine the actual cost of producing an adult meal. Federal regulations require adult meal prices to fully recover these costs, as adult meals are not federally reimbursable. The adjusted USDA rates used to determine adult meal pricing for the 2026-2027 school year were released after our initial meal prices were established. After applying the updated rates and completing the required calculations, a \$0.05 increase to the adult breakfast price is necessary to ensure our pricing remains compliant with USDA/TDA requirements.

Proposed Meal Prices

- Student Breakfast: Free
- Student Lunch: Free
- **Adult Breakfast:** \$3.55 (.05 cent additional increase)
- **Adult Lunch:** \$5.50 (no additional increase)

If approved by the Board, Child Nutrition Services will begin notifying district personnel, parents, and students of the change in lunch prices for the 2026-27 school year.

- It is recommended that the Board approve the proposed meal prices for the 2026-2027 school year. The District requests approval to maintain student meal prices at no cost through participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). The proposed increase of .05 cents to breakfast applies only to adult meal prices and is recommended to ensure continued compliance with USDA and Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) regulations requiring adult meals to recover the full cost of production.

Communication Deployment:

- Board Meeting minutes
- Email
- Social Media
- BISD Staff Bulletin

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Respectfully submitted,

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