



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: October 19, 2026

Agenda Section: Consent

Agenda Item Title: Approval of breakfast and lunch meal price for staff and visitors

From: Mr. Andy Rocha – Asst. Superintendent of Operations, Mrs. Debra Rice, Child Nutrition Director

Description: The Child Nutrition Department is recommending an adjustment to the breakfast and lunch prices charged to staff and visitors who purchase meals from South San Antonio ISD cafeterias during the school day.

Adult meal prices must be sufficient to cover the value of federal funds and reimbursements provided to the District by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for student meals. For the current school year, a \$0.25 increase is recommended to meet Texas Department of Agriculture requirements.

To comply with this requirement, the Child Nutrition Department recommends increasing the adult lunch price from \$5.25 to \$5.50 and the adult breakfast price from \$3.50 to \$3.75.

Please refer to the attached documentation, specifically Method 2, for the detailed calculation supporting the recommended meal prices.

Historical Data: Meal prices have historically been adjusted to comply with TDA requirements.

Recommendation: Recommend to approve the lunch and breakfast prices for staff and visitors as presented.

Funding Budget
Code and Amount: N/A

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	\$ 2.54
Severe Need Breakfast Rate	\$ 0.51
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

Round up to the nearest quarter \$ 5.50

\$ 3.75