

Food Service

Food Price Forecast, Hunger Free Kids Act of
2010 and Recommended Food Prices

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

- ▶ Section 205: Equity in School Lunch Pricing
Effective July 1, 2011

Requires School Districts participating in the National School Lunch Program to provide the same level of support for lunches served to students who are not eligible for free or reduced price lunches as they are for lunches served to students eligible for free lunches.

Intent: To ensure that sufficient funds are provided to the food service account for paid lunches.



Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

- ▶ If a School Districts average price for lunches is less than the difference between reimbursements, it must increase the price by 2% plus inflation by either
 - Increasing the price charged to children OR
 - Adding non-Federal funds to the food service account
- ▶ Any price increase may be—
 - Rounded down to the nearest 5 cents
 - Limited to a maximum of 10 cents
- ▶ For SY 2011-2012, if school food authority's average price of paid lunches is \$2.46 or more, it is in compliance.
- ▶ GISD average lunch price is 2.37

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

- ▶ 2010, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all food are forecast to increase 3.0 to 4.0 percent
- ▶ CPI Food Price Outlook
Combined total increase between 2009 and projected 2011 is a 6.6 % increase.

Source: USDA Economic Research Service



GISD Lunch Pricing Recommendations for 2011 – 2012 School Year

Secondary Schools

- Increase from \$2.50 to \$2.60 (4% Increase)

Elementary Schools

- Increase from \$2.25 to \$2.35 (4.4% Increase)

These adjustments would meet the USDA required pricing and offset the food cost increases.