



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: August 18, 2025

Agenda Section: Consent

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

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

Description: The Child Nutrition Department is requesting to increase the lunch price for staff and visitors who would like to purchase a meal during the school day from the South San Antonio I.S.D. cafeteria. The rationale for increase is to meet the Texas Department of Agriculture requirement that the adult meal price cover the cost of the federal funds provided to the district by USDA and TDA for student meals. To comply with this requirement, the Child Nutrition Department is recommending the lunch price go from **\$5.00 to \$5.25** and the breakfast prices will remain the same at \$3.50. See the attached document, method 2 for a detailed breakdown.

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.

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	\$ 4.60
Performance-Based Rate	\$ 0.09
Severe Need Lunch Rate	\$ 0.02
USDA Foods Rate * Estimated based on historic data - The 2025-2026 Rates of Assistance have not yet been released by USDA.	\$ 0.47
Total Federal Funds Received	\$ 5.18
Minimum Adult Charge	\$ 5.18

Rounded to simplify cash handling

Suggested Adult Lunch Rate \$5.25

Increase of .25 from SY 24-25

Method 1 Breakfast	
Federal Funds/Reimbursement Rate	Amount CE Receives
Paid Reimbursement Rate	
Severe Need Breakfast 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	\$ 2.46
Severe Need Breakfast Rate	\$ 0.48
USDA Foods Rate (Add if USDA Foods are used at breakfast) * USDA Foods Rate * Estimated based on historic data - The 2025-2026 Rates of Assistance have not yet been released by USDA.	\$ 0.47
Total Federal Funds Received	\$ 3.41
Minimum Adult Breakfast Charge	\$ 3.41

Rounded to simplify cash handling

Suggested Adult Breakfast Rate \$3.50

Same price as SY 24-25

Programs > National School Lunch Program > Reimbursement Rates

Reimbursement Rates for NSLP

Administration/Forms

ALN and FAIN

Area Eligibility Using
Census Data

Back to School

Compliance
◦ Financial Report

Disaster Resources

Eligibility and Verification

Equipment Grant
◦ Application

Food Service
Management Companies

Food Waste

Funding Opportunities

Health Ambassadors for a
Ready Texas

Healthy Meals Incentives

Latest News

National School Lunch Program Reimbursement

These rates are effective from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Lunch

- Paid - \$0.44
- Reduced - \$4.20
- Free - \$4.60

Lunch - Severe Need

Contracting entities serving at least 60 percent free and reduced-price lunches under NSLP for at least the first three months of school year 2023-2024 will receive a 2-cent supplemental lunch reimbursement. In addition, contracting entities certified to receive the performance-based cash assistance will receive an additional 9 cents added to the lunch reimbursement. These additional reimbursements will be applied and paid automatically to eligible contracting entities through the Texas Unified Nutrition Programs System (TX-UNPS).

After School Care Program

- Paid - \$0.11
- Reduced - \$0.63
- Free - \$1.26

Breakfast

- Paid - \$0.40
- Reduced - \$2.16
- Free - \$2.46

Breakfast - Severe Need

Individual schools may qualify for Severe Need Breakfast reimbursement to supplement the regular free and reduced-price breakfast reimbursements. Within a

Local Wellness Policy
Requirements

Meal Appeal

Meal Pattern Support

National School Lunch
Week

New Applicants

Newsletter

Policy/ARM

CE, some sites may be eligible for severe need funding and others may not. For a site to be eligible in SY 2025-2026, at least 40 percent of its total lunches served in school year 2023-2024 must have been free or reduced (minimum three months operation). There are instances where a new school may qualify for Severe Need Breakfast reimbursement. For additional information, email Food and Nutrition at squaremeals@texasagriculture.gov or call toll-free at (877) TEX-MEAL. Reimbursement rates including severe need are as follows:

- Reduced - \$2.64 (\$0.48 severe need reimbursement included)
- Free - \$2.94 (\$0.48 severe need reimbursement included)

USDA Foods Published Rate Of Assistance

The 2025-2026 Rates of Assistance have not yet been released by USDA. Check here for the rates once they are published.