



JUDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting Date: August 20, 2026

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Agenda Item: Consider and take action regarding approving the USDA required increase to the adult paid breakfast and lunch prices.

CONSENT ITEM

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve a minimum increase to the adult paid breakfast and lunch prices by 27 cents for breakfast and 64 cents for lunch. This price increase ensures the Judson ISD breakfast and lunch prices meet the USDA regulations.

IMPACT/RATIONALE:

The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve a minimum increase to the adult paid breakfast and lunch prices by 27 cents for breakfast and 64 cents for lunch.

2026-2027 Adult Paid Breakfast and Lunch prices would be as follows:

- Adult Paid Breakfast \$3.52 (currently \$(3.25)
- Adult Paid Lunch \$5.34 (currently \$4.70)

Regulatory Compliance & Background

Failing to implement these updates will result in the Child Nutrition department falling out of compliance with USDA regulations. Per the Administrators Reference Manual (ARM) Section 15-31 (Meal Pricing, Adult Meal Prices), school nutrition programs are strictly prohibited from using federal student funds to subsidize adult meals. To remain compliant, the charge for an adult meal must, at a minimum, exceed the total reimbursement received for a student free meal, plus any supplemental payments and the per-meal value of USDA Foods (Commodities). Adult meal prices have not been adjusted since the 2023–2024 school year.

Yearly Impact

Please note in order to stay in compliance with the USDA regulations a yearly increase may be requested per the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA).

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

Approval/Disapproval

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	\$ 4.76
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	
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	\$ 2.54
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