

Date: 11-11-2024

Dear BISD Board Member & School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)

RE: Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Summer Feeding Programs

Brackett ISD National School Lunch Program (NSLP) - program is choosing to waive participation in the Summer Feeding Program 2025.

Brackett ISD is citing "transportation is an insurmountable obstacle to program operations" as the main reason for opting out of the summer program. A large percentage of our students are located out of walking distance of the school. Many of our students live in Fort Clark. Students who live in Fort Clark must cross Interstate 90 with no safe crosswalks from the Fort Clark Subdivision to Ann Street where the school is located. The transportation department provides transportation for these students during the school year but not in the summer. The City of Brackettville has no public transportation or Share Ride services for students to use in order to get to school if there is no adult to bring them.

Another thing to consider would be the extreme heat during the months of June - July in South Texas for those students who might choose to walk.

Brackett ISD has not had a large participation of students in past years when the program was offered to come and receive a meal.

The Brackett food program is anticipating a lack of personnel for the summer months.

The ACE program operated by Mrs. Neuman will be offering meals to Summer School participants for the 2024-2025 school year as was done the summer of 23-24.

I would like to request and recommend that the Board of Trustees approve a waiver for BISD to opt out of providing a 2025 summer nutrition program.

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