

ECTOR COUNTY ISD
SCHOOL NUTRITION DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: David Finley, AIA, CEFP
Chief Operations Officer

FROM: Katy Taylor
Director

DATE: April 21, 2015

RE: MEAL PRICES for 2015-2016

School Program regulations at 7 CFR 210.14(e) require school food authorities (SFAs) participating in the National School Lunch Program to ensure sufficient funds are provided to the nonprofit school food service account for meals served to students not eligible for free or reduced price meals. This requirement can be met through the prices charged for “paid” meals, also known as “paid lunch equity”, or through other non-Federal sources provided to the nonprofit school food service account.

This regulation requires that paid meal prices be assessed annually and increased until the price of a paid lunch equals at least the reimbursement for a free lunch (currently \$3.00) minus the paid reimbursement rate (currently \$0.30). For the 2014-2015 school year, the optimal price would have been \$2.70.

Our current weighted average price is \$2.14 based on paid lunches served during October 2014. The unrounded weighted average paid lunch price must be \$2.21 for ECISD in the 2015-2016 school year. This requirement is calculated by increasing the previous year’s requirement by 2% plus the consumer price index (2.19%).

According to federal requirements and my calculations, there are two options for the 2015-2016 school year student meal prices. Option #1 would increase prices by \$0.10 for paid students, and prices would have to be increased again in 2016-2017. Option #2 would increase prices by \$0.15 for paid students. If Option #2 is selected, there is a chance that no increase would be required for 2016-2017 due to the anticipated increase in secondary student lunch participation.

	Current Prices		Option #1		Option #2	
	Breakfast	Lunch	Breakfast	Lunch	Breakfast	Lunch
Elementary Paid Student	\$0.00	\$2.10	\$0.00	\$2.20	\$0.00	\$2.25
Secondary Paid Student	\$0.00	\$2.35	\$0.00	\$2.45	\$0.00	\$2.50
Reduced Student	\$0.00	\$0.40	\$0.00	\$0.40	\$0.00	\$0.40
Free Student	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

We will continue to provide breakfast at no charge to all students. In accordance with federal law, meals will continue to be provided at no cost to students qualifying for free meals, and at \$0.40 to students qualifying for reduced price meals. Adult meal prices are required to be greater than or equal to the sum of the reimbursement for a free meal and the donated commodity value received for student lunches. This ensures that adult meals are not supported by student meal revenue. The adult meal price is currently \$3.50, and I do not project an increase to be required for next school year.

Thank you for your continued support of this program.