

# Universal Breakfast



**THE UNIVERSAL FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM (UFBP) ALLOWS SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH A BREAKFAST MEAL AT NO CHARGE INCLUDING THOSE STUDENTS WHO ARE APPROVED FOR REDUCED-PRICE AND PAID MEALS.**

# School Breakfast Program : SB 376

*SB 376 requires all Texas schools with a high percentage of low-income students (80% eligible for free/reduced price meals) to offer breakfast to all students at no cost. While more than 60% of schools that are subject to requirements of SB 376 already comply, more than 1000 schools that do not offer breakfast at no cost to all students will be required to do so or may seek a waiver with approval from their board of trustees.*

## Background

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) administers the School Breakfast Program (SBP). SB 376, passed in the 83<sup>rd</sup> Texas legislative session, requires a school district campus or an open-enrollment charter school participating in the national school breakfast program in which 80 percent or more of the students qualify for a free or reduced-price breakfast to offer breakfast at no cost to all students starting in school year 2014-2015.

## Waiver Process

Campuses that meet the criteria outlined in SB 376, but do not wish to provide breakfast at no cost to all students must vote to opt out of the requirement at a board of trustees meeting. Based on the voting outcome, schools may request a waiver from TDA. This process must be followed annually; waivers granted will be valid for one year.

## Breakfast at No-Cost Options

There are several methods outlined below that are available for schools to offer breakfast at no cost to all students. In all cases, schools must pay the difference between Federal reimbursement and the cost of providing the meal at no cost. Additionally, if the overall school foodservice account activity is insufficient to cover program costs; the school food authority must pay the difference from non-Federal sources.

Texas School Breakfast Program: At a Glance		
Program Year July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012		
Number of Schools	8,570	
Number of Schools at 80% Free & Reduced (F&R) or above	2821	
Number of schools at 80% F&R or above not currently offering breakfast at no cost to all students	1052	
Average Daily Participation breakfast (September-May)	1,679,305	
Breakfasts Served for the Year	300,082,570	
Federal Reimbursement Rate for Breakfast (2012-2013)	Free	Reduced
	\$1.55	\$1.25
Severe Need: Additional Federal Reimbursement Rate for Breakfast (2012-2013) <i>*Schools may qualify and apply for Severe Need Breakfast if at least 40 percent of its total lunches served in school year 2011-12 were free or reduced.</i>	Free	Reduced
	\$.30	\$.30

Comparison of Universal Free Breakfast, Provision 2, and CEO					
	Schools must pay the difference between Federal reimbursement and the cost of providing meals at no charge	Schools must agree to serve free lunches <u>and</u> breakfasts to all students	Local Education Agencies and schools must meet a minimum level of students directly certified for free meals	Schools must claim reimbursement for meals based off of claiming percentages	Schools must claim reimbursement for meals based off of students' eligibility categories
Universal Free	✓				✓
Provision 2	✓			✓	
CEO	✓	✓	✓	✓	

## Universal Free Breakfast

Universal Free Breakfast is not a program but is a decision that a school makes to serve breakfast to all students at no charge. To offer universal breakfast in the 2014-2015 school year schools must update the pricing screen within their site applications in TX-UNPS. Schools must still determine eligibility and claim students in their corresponding eligibility categories when filing their claims for reimbursement from TDA. Schools must pay for the cost difference between Federal reimbursement and the cost of providing meals at no charge.

## Special Assistance Provisions

Federal Special Assistance Provisions, such as Provision 2 allow schools to offer breakfast and/or lunch to students at no charge. These provisions reduce application burdens and simplify meal counting and claiming procedures. Schools may operate Special Assistance Provisions for the breakfast program, lunch program or both.

These provisions are open to all schools but are optional and schools must receive approval from TDA before participating. To participate in Provision 2 in school year 2014-2015, applications must be received by May 15, 2014.

## Community Eligibility Option (CEO)

**This provision will be available to all schools starting in 2014; further guidance on this provision will be provided in the future.** CEO provides an alternative to household applications for free and reduced price meals in high poverty neighborhoods.

# School Breakfast Program

## Reimbursement Rates for 2013-2014



- Paid - \$0.28
- Reduced - \$1.28
- Free - \$1.58

### Severe Need\*

- Reduced and Free - \$0.31

\* For a site to be eligible for severe need reimbursement, at least 40% of its total lunches served in school year 2011-2012 must have been free or reduced.

# Which Schools Will Qualify?



- Any school that has 80% or more of its students eligible for free or reduced-price meals will be required to implement the Universal Free Breakfast Program , starting in school year 2014-2015.
- The exact date to be used for this assessment has yet to be formally announced.

## Percent Needy

As of 6/6/2013

Site	Enrollment	Free	Reduced	Total F/R	Total F/R %
<b>SFA: Denton ISD</b>					
ANN WINDLE SCHOOL	351	295	12	307	87.46
BLANTON ELEMENTARY	717	70	5	75	10.46
BORMAN ELEMENTARY	451	370	22	392	86.92
CALHOUN MIDDLE SCHOOL	847	579	65	644	76.03
CROSS OAKS ELEMENTARY	479	174	42	216	45.09
CROWNOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL	1,012	163	40	203	20.06
DAVIS SCHOOL DAEP	102	68	7	75	73.53
DENTON HIGH SCHOOL	1,922	727	117	844	43.91
E. P. RAYZOR ELEMENTARY	705	45	7	52	7.38
EVERS PARK ELEMENTARY	553	365	35	400	72.33
FRED MOORE HS	57	40	1	41	71.93
GINNINGS ELEMENTARY	607	415	50	465	76.61
GONZALEZ SCHOOL	389	271	34	305	78.41
GUYER, JOHN H. HIGH SCHOOL	2,144	403	91	494	23.04
HARPOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL	1,027	148	33	181	17.62
HAWK ELEMENTARY	719	58	12	70	9.74
HODGE ELEMENTARY	665	477	34	511	76.84
JJAEP	2	2	0	2	100.00
L.A.NELSON ELEMENTARY	684	174	50	224	32.75
LEE ELEMENTARY	594	434	46	480	80.81
MCMATH MIDDLE SCHOOL	805	399	38	437	54.29
MCNAIR ELEMENTARY	540	88	46	134	24.81
NAVO MIDDLE SCHOOL	907	230	69	299	32.97
NEWTON RAYZOR ELEMENTARY	628	339	27	366	58.28
PALOMA CREEK ELEMENTARY	752	193	52	245	32.58
PECAN CREEK ELEMENTARY	713	254	38	292	40.95
PROVIDENCE ELEMENTARY	512	82	27	109	21.29
RIVERA ELEMENTARY	552	460	37	497	90.04
RYAN, BILLY HIGH SCHOOL	2,186	903	147	1050	48.03
SAM HOUSTON ELEMENTARY	590	168	15	183	31.02
SAVANNAH ELEMENTARY	642	139	43	182	28.35
SCHOOL - 040	42	11	0	11	26.19
STEPHENS ELEMENTARY	530	174	27	201	37.92
STRICKLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL	918	498	58	556	60.57
W. S. RYAN ELEMENTARY	616	274	32	306	49.68
WILSON ELEMENTARY	603	250	22	272	45.11
<b>Total:</b>	<b>25,563</b>	<b>9,740</b>	<b>1,381</b>	<b>11121</b>	<b>43.50</b>

# How Will Universal Breakfast Work?



- Students will come to the cafeteria and receive a sack breakfast that they will take to the classroom. This is sometimes referred to as “Grab n Go”.
- Students will receive everything planned on the menu, but they will have a choice of flavored, fat-free milk or unflavored, 1% milk.

# Who Will Be Involved?



- Students
- Parents
- Child Nutrition Employees
- Teachers
- Campus Administrators
- Custodians
- Bus Drivers

# Pilot Program



- This school year, Hodge ES will pilot the universal free breakfast program on their campus.
- The target date for implementation is October 8<sup>th</sup>.



# Program Evaluation



- Data will be collected on student participation, plate waste, and overall program effectiveness.
- Opportunities for improvement will be identified, discussed, and implemented over the course of this school year.

# Next Steps



- Campuses that will be required to offer Universal Free Breakfast in 2014-2015 will become involved in the planning process by mid-year.
- This will necessitate collaboration between executive level administrators, child nutrition, custodial services, transportation, and campus administrators.