

REDUCED-PRICE BREAKFASTS ARE NOW FREE IN TEXAS!



School Breakfast Changes in the 2023-24 and 2024-25 School Years

- The 88th Texas Legislature allocated funding so that students eligible for reduced-price school meals can eat breakfast at no charge for the next two years starting September 1, 2023.
- Beginning Sept. 1 and through the end of School Year 2024-2025, Texas will reimburse schools for all reduced-price breakfasts served at no cost to students.

School District and Charter Organization Responsibilities

- Evaluating options to cover or charge students until September 1, 2023. State grant funds **cannot** cover the student's breakfast cost until September 1, 2023. Visit [SquareMeals.org](https://squaremeals.org) for additional information.
- Communicating the benefit to parents of reduced-price-eligibility students via eligibility determination letters.
- Updating Point of Service systems and other methods of charging students to ensure reduced-price-eligible students are no longer charged for breakfasts.
- Ensuring TX-UNPS site application reflects the price normally charged for reduced-price breakfasts. (NOTE: Sites operating under a universal free breakfast mandate will receive \$.30 per reduced-price meal claimed, even though the site application will reflect \$0 cost for reduced-price breakfasts.)
- Entering monthly claims in TX-UNPS, including the number of reduced-price breakfasts served (by eligibility).
- Ensuring students are not charged for reduced price breakfasts after September 1, 2023 unless your district has opted out of funds.

TDA Support

- TDA will reimburse schools up to \$.30 for eligible reduced-price breakfast charges based on the price indicated in your site application. The reimbursement for the cost of reduced-price breakfasts will be in addition to the standard federal reimbursement.
- Resources for communicating this change are available at [Squaremeals.org/reducedbreakfasts](https://squaremeals.org/reducedbreakfasts).



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