

TEXAS SENATE BILL 376

“UNIVERSAL BREAKFAST”



SCHOOL MEALS

WHAT IS SENATE BILL 376 (SB 376)?

SB 376 was passed by the 83rd Texas Legislature and requires public and charter school campuses in which 80 percent or more of the students qualify for free or reduced-price meals to provide breakfast at no charge to all students OR submit a waiver annually to opt out of the requirement. If 10 percent or more students qualify the campus must make reimbursable breakfast available to all students. A campus mandated to offer breakfast may choose to operate a locally funded breakfast program.

TEXAS BREAKFAST LANDSCAPE

- More than 2 million Texas students participated in the School Breakfast Program each school day in SY 2014-15.
- More than 2,600 Texas public and charter school campuses are subject to SB 376 requirements.
- Ninety-three percent of the Texas schools that are subject to SB 376 requirements already serve breakfast to all students at no charge.



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FINANCIAL IMPACT

Public and charter schools pay the difference between federal reimbursement and the cost of providing breakfast at no charge to all students. Public and charter school campuses may also elect to use alternative counting and claiming procedures to streamline the administration of universal breakfast.

PROVISIONS

Provision 2: Allows schools to establish claiming percentages and to serve meals at no charge for a four year period.

Community Eligibility Provision: Allows schools to establish claiming percentages based on the number of categorically eligible students approved without applications and serve all meals at no charge for a four year period.



SB 376 WAIVER PROCESS

- Public and charter school campuses may request a waiver to opt out of the universal breakfast requirement.
- The board of trustees or governing body **MUST VOTE** to request a waiver.
- Waivers must be submitted to TDA.
- Waivers must be approved annually.

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