

REDUCED PRICE MEALS ARE NOW FREE!

A grant by the 89th Texas Legislature allows students who qualify for reduced-price meals to now enjoy free breakfast & lunch at school in school years 2025–26 and 2026–27.

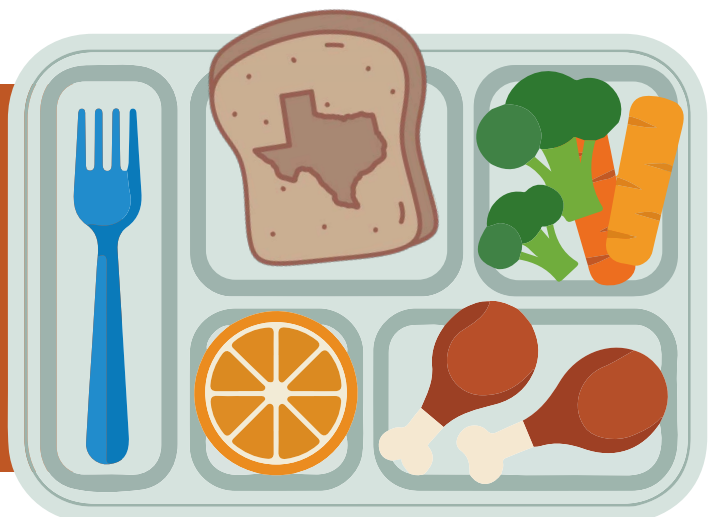
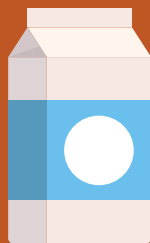
What does this mean for School Districts and Public Charter Schools?

- Read updated FAQs on [SquareMeals.org](https://squaremeals.org).
- Reduced price lunch benefits begin Sept. 1, 2025.
- Consider options for covering or charging students for lunches served before Sept. 1, 2025, as grant funds can't be used to cover reduced-price lunches before then.
- Notify parents of reduced-price eligibility through eligibility determination letters.
- Update POS systems to ensure no reduced-price students are charged for breakfast (entire school year) and lunch (after Sept. 1, 2025, if charging students for reduced-price lunches before funding is available).
- Ensure TX-UNPS/ TANS site application reflects the reduced-price meal rate you want to be reimbursed per meal (up to \$0.30 per breakfast and \$0.40 per lunch).

TDA will support you by reimbursing the amount indicated in the site application, in addition to standard federal reimbursement.

Communication resources and additional information are available at:
squaremeals.org/Public-Resources/School-Nutrition-Eligibility

Note: Sites operating under a universal free breakfast mandate will receive \$.30 per reduced-price breakfast claimed, even though the site application must reflect \$0 cost for reduced-price breakfasts.



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