OSPI Child Nutrition Services Information Sheet

2024–25 Breakfast Meals for Kids Grant Scoring Matrix

The Washington State legislature provides annual funding for the Breakfast Meals for Kids Grant. This is a competitive grant for National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and/or School Breakfast Program (SBP) sponsors. Each grant proposal is scored based on the following information and may receive up to 86 total points.

Local Education Agency (LEA)/Site Information Section*

*Scored by OSPI Child Nutrition Services

Question/Criteria				Points
Free and Reduced-Prio			'23 Building Data (OBD):	
	Criteria	Point Value	_	
	95-100 %	10	_	
	90-94.9%	9	_	
	85-89.9%	8	_	
	80-84.9%	7	_	0 – 10
	75-79.9%	6	_	
	70-74.9%	5		
	60-64.9%	3	_	
	55-59.9%	2		
	50-54.9%	1		
	49.9% or less	0		
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If/when LEA received a	a Breakfast Meals for k	Kids Grant		
10 points = Never received grant			0 – 10	
5 points = Received grant in 2021-22 or earlier		0 - 10		
•	eived grant in 2022-23			



Per student funding ratio: Grants are scored based on the estimated number of students the funds will impact. This ratio is calculated by taking the grant amount requested divided by the estimated number of students impacted. A lower ratio means more students are impacted by grant funds and will score higher points.			1 – 5	
	Criteria	Point Value		
	\$20 per student or less	5		
	\$21-\$50 per student	3		
	Greater than \$50 per student	1		
Funding supports starting a new School Breakfast Program (SBP) or reestablishing a SBP.			+12	
Funding supports starting a new alternative breakfast/Breakfast After the Bell (BAB) program.		+10		

Grant Questions Section

Question Number	Question	Points
1.	Please check off which activities you will implement with these grant funds during the 2024-25 school year. Check all that apply:	
	8 points = Funding reaches students within a reengagement program.	
	6 points = Improve student access and participation in current alternative breakfast or BAB program.	
	5 points = Improve meal quality (fewer processed foods, scratch cooking).	0-29
	4 points = Purchase or renew software license for menu planning or nutrient analysis software used in the SBP.	
	3 points = This project will support specific Local School Wellness Policy goals related to the SBP (must attach/highlight specifics).	
	2 points = Promotion and outreach of SBP.	
	1 point = Funding supports limits to added sugars at breakfast according to Final Rule-Child Nutrition Programs: Meal Patterns Consistent with the 2020-2025 DGAs. (not required until July 1, 2025)	
2.	What is your plan to improve the school breakfast program and what is the equipment you need? (Narrative Question)	1-10

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1 4	Do you have the ability to purchase, have all items delivered on site and	
	outreach activities completed by no later than June 30, 2025?	Yes or No

Quotes Section

Question	Points
One or three quotes for each item must be attached with the grant application, as applicable. Each item requested must be prioritized and listed in the grant application.	N/A-
For items ≥ \$10,000: 3 quotes required	required
Items under \$10,000: 1 quote required	

Narrative Question Scoring

0 10 Points	Rationale
1	Poor – not explained/marginally established, needs more specifics to be fully funded.
6	Average – acceptable response/described approach sufficiently to be considered as meeting minimum requirements.
8	Good – above-average response/described in sufficient detail to be considered as exceeding minimum requirements, has some specifics as to support the grant request, considers the work of stakeholders, somewhat collaborative.
10	Excellent – superior, highlights innovation, detailed, cites specific data, efficient response/described approach in sufficient detail, very collaborative, considers other partners such as parents, students, teachers, local policy makers, or other organizations with an interest in improving children's health and wellness outcomes.

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