

OSPI School Meal Programs Reference Sheet

School Breakfast Program

The School Breakfast Program (SBP) is a Child Nutrition Program funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). In Washington State, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) administers the program. The SBP provides reimbursement for breakfasts served that meet federal requirements. Public or nonprofit private schools and public or nonprofit private residential child care institutions may participate in the SBP.

Requirements

- School breakfast meals must meet the current meal pattern and nutrition standards set by USDA.
- Federal requirements to offer free or reduced-price meals to eligible students must be followed.
- Each school district shall implement a school breakfast program in each school where more than forty percent of students eligible to participate in the school lunch program qualify for free or reduced-price meals*.
 - Schools where more than seventy percent of students qualify for free or reduced-price meals or have a free claiming percentage of seventy percent or higher under CEP/Provision 2, shall implement a Breakfast After the Bell program. See [Breakfast After the Bell Reference Sheet](#) for additional information.**
- The maximum price that may be charged for a reduced-price breakfast is \$0.30 cents.
 - Washington State provides a co-pay for reduced-price breakfasts served for all grade levels at public schools.



Reference

- [7CFR 220](#)
- [RCW 28A.235.160*](#)
- [RCW 28A.235.210**](#)

Resources

- [Breakfast Meal Pattern Chart](#)
- [Menu Planning and Meal Patterns](#)
- [Energize Your Day with School Breakfast toolkit](#)
- [OSPI School Breakfast Program webpage](#)

Acronym Reference

- CFR – Code of Federal Regulations
- FDP – Food Distribution Program
- OSPI – Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
- USDA – United States Department of Agriculture