

OSPI Child Nutrition Services Information Sheet

2026–27 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 107 total points.

Local Education Agency (LEA)/Site Information Section

Scored by OSPI Child Nutrition Services (CNS)

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Did the LEA receive a Child Nutrition Grant or the Healthy Kids–Healthy Schools Grant, Nutrition Category, within the past 4 years: 10 points = Has not received grant within past 4 years 5 points = Received grant in 2022-23 or 2023-24 0 points = Received grant in 2024-25 or 2025-26	0 – 10																								



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 and dividing by the estimated number of students impacted. A lower ratio means more students are impacted by grant funds and will score higher points. <table> <tr> <td>Criteria:</td> <td>Point Value:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$20 per student or less</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$21–\$50 per student</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Greater than \$50 per student</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </table>	Criteria:	Point Value:	\$20 per student or less	3	\$21–\$50 per student	2	Greater than \$50 per student	1	1-3
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The average F/R% of sites included in the application will be added to the total grant score. For example, if a grant application scores 60 points and the average F/R% of sites in the application is 42.91%, the total score for the grant application will be 60.4291.	0 – 1								

Grant Questions Section

Question Number	Question	Points
1.	Please check off which activities you will implement with these grant funds during the 2026–27 school year. Check all that apply: 12 points = Improve meal quality (fewer processed foods, scratch cooking, increased meat/meat alternates) 10 points = Supports increased/improved milk storage 8 points = Funds increases access to breakfast in alternative school 6 points = Purchase or renew software license for menu planning or nutrient analysis software used in the SBP 5 points = This project will support specific Local School Wellness Policy goals related to the SBP—must attach and highlight specifics 4 points = Supports staff level training hours for SBP 3 points = Funding supports limits to added sugars at breakfast according to Final Rule–Child Nutrition Programs: Meal Patterns Consistent with the 2020-2025 DGAs 2 points = Promotion and outreach of the SBP 1 point = Improve student access and participation in current alternative breakfast or Breakfast After the Bell (BAB) program	0-51
2.	What is your plan to improve the school breakfast program and what is the equipment you need? (Narrative Question)	1-10

3.	Do you have the ability to purchase, have all items delivered on site, and outreach activities completed by no later than June 30, 2027?	Yes or No
4.	Funding reaches students within a reengagement program. Must identify site name in application.	+10
5.	Funding supports starting a new alternative breakfast/Breakfast After the Bell (BAB) program. Must identify site name in application.	+2
6.	Funding supports starting a new School Breakfast Program (SBP) or reestablishing an SBP. Must identify site name in application.	+10

Quotes Section

Quotes
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. For items $\geq$ \$15,000: 3 quotes required Items under \$15,000: 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 to meet minimum requirements.
8	Good—Above-average response; described in sufficient detail to be considered to exceed minimum requirements; has some specifics 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.