

School Breakfast Program

The School Breakfast Program (SBP) is a federally funded meal program that offers reimbursement to schools and other agencies serving nutritious breakfasts to children. The reimbursement enables schools to provide breakfast to children at reasonable prices. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) administers the program nationally at the federal level. In California, the program is administered by the California Department of Education (CDE), Nutrition Services Division (NSD).

Districts/agencies participating must offer meals each school day to all enrolled children, including those not eligible for free or reduced-price meals. If a child is eligible for free or reduced-price lunches, the child would also qualify for free or reduced-price breakfasts.

At a minimum, SBP participants must:

- Maintain menus, meal production records, and inventory records to document by age group the amounts and components of food served
- Count the number of breakfasts served each day, by site and by meal eligibility category (free, reduced-price, and paid)
- Maintain documentation of children's free and reduced-price meal eligibility
- Records of income, expenditures, and contributions received

Districts/agencies eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) are also eligible for the SBP. These include public schools, charter schools, private nonprofit schools, and public and private nonprofit residential child care institutions (e.g., group homes, juvenile halls, orphanages, etc.).

Additional information about the SBP is available at the following Web sites:

The CDE's School Breakfast Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/sn/sbp.asp>

The CDE's Nutrition Services fiscal information Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/nt/snp.asp>

The USDA School Breakfast Web page at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Breakfast/Default.htm>

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