



# Reduced-Price Breakfasts FREE for Students!

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## Background

- ✓ The budget approved by the 88th Texas Legislature includes funding that lets students who are approved to get reduced-price meals get breakfast free.
- ✓ Students that meet income requirements for reduced price meals must be offered breakfast at no charge by Texas school districts that participate in the School Breakfast Program.
- ✓ State funding starts September 1
  - ✓ Currently, August breakfasts would need to be charged the reduced-price
  - ✓ TDA exploring other funding options
  - ✓ School GR and other sources of non-federal funds may be used to cover the cost of August reduced breakfasts







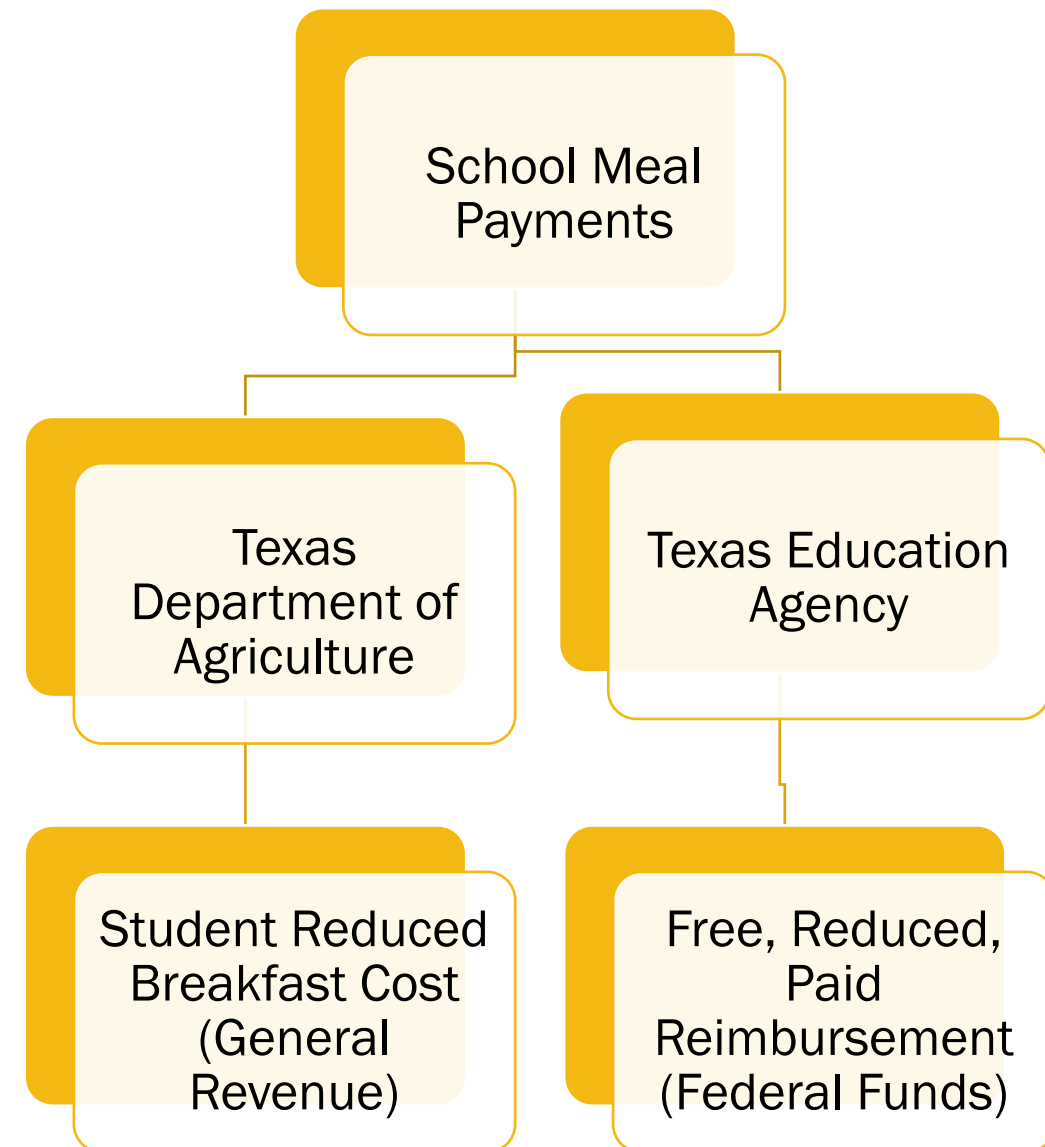
## School Responsibilities

- ✓ Communicate the benefit change for reduced price students to parents. This includes making changes to the Eligibility and Determination letter sent to parents.
- ✓ Ensure POS and other methods of charging students of meals are updated to ensure reduced price students are no longer charged.
- ✓ Enter monthly claims in TXUNPS, including the number of reduced-price breakfasts served.

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## Claiming Process

- ✓ Schools should continue to process monthly claims in TXUNPS as normal
- ✓ Schools can search for payments on the Comptroller website, if needed.
- ✓ Schools can expect 2 payments for school meal reimbursements starting next year
  - ✓ Federal reimbursement for free, reduced, and paid meals
    - ✓ No change in frequency/timing
  - ✓ General revenue reimbursement for the cost of student reduced price breakfast
    - ✓ Estimated receipt 60 days after claims are submitted to TDA



# TDA Resources

## COMING SOON!

Resources will be available at:  
[Squaremeals.org/reducedbreakfasts](http://Squaremeals.org/reducedbreakfasts)

Communication tools will include:

- ✓ One Pager
- ✓ Parent Postcard
- ✓ Web-based communication items  
(banner, button)



# QUESTIONS?