

Ohio's School Breakfast Program

The Ohio Department of Education, Office for Safety, Health and Nutrition in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) administers the School Breakfast Program (SBP). Nationally, several million children start their day with a nutritionally balanced school breakfast. During a school year, Ohio School Breakfast Programs serve more than 40,000,000 breakfasts at more than 2,000 sites. Schools that have started a breakfast program have reported improvements in student behavior and ability to perform in the classroom, enhancing the overall quality of the school experiences.

Who can apply to participate in the breakfast program?

- Any school of high school grade or under recognized by the State of Ohio as operating under public or nonprofit private ownership;
- Any public or nonprofit classes of pre-primary grades when conducted in the aforementioned schools; and
- Any public or nonprofit, private licensed Residential Child Care Institution (RCCI).

What qualifies a student to participate?

Any student under age 21 who is enrolled in an eligible school or RCCI may participate. Additional benefits may be available to a student when his or her guardian, submits a Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application. Based on the household size and income, the student may be eligible for meals free or at a reduced price.

What are the meal service requirements for breakfast?

To be eligible for cash reimbursement, meals must be planned to meet the School Breakfast Program pattern requirements as follows:

8 ounces fluid milk,

½ cup fruit or vegetable (or full-strength juice),

AND

2 servings of grain/bread,

OR

2 meat or meat alternate servings (one ounce each)

OR

1 grain/bread serving and 1 ounce of meat or meat alternate.