



LVISD Child Nutrition

Board Packet

2026–2027 Paid Meal Price Recommendation

School Board Packet

Board Action Requested

Approve the proposed 2026–2027 paid breakfast and lunch meal prices for La Vernia ISD Child Nutrition.

Executive Summary

The Child Nutrition Department recommends modest paid meal price increases for the 2026–2027 school year. The recommendation is based on rising food, labor, supply, and operating costs; federal Paid Lunch Equity guidance; area district meal price comparisons; and the need to maintain long-term financial sustainability while continuing to provide high-quality meals students enjoy.

Proposed Meal Prices

Meal Type	2025–2026	2026–2027 Proposed
Elementary Breakfast	\$1.75	\$2.25
Junior High Breakfast	\$1.75	\$2.25
High School Breakfast	\$2.50	\$3.00
Elementary Lunch	\$2.85	\$3.25
Junior High Lunch	\$3.00	\$3.50
High School Lunch	\$4.50	\$5.00
Adult Breakfast	\$3.50	\$4.00
Adult Lunch	\$5.00	\$5.50

Reduced-price breakfast and lunch remain free for eligible students at the Elementary and Junior High campuses through state funding.

Key Facts at a Glance

- 351,472 total meals served districtwide during the 2025–2026 school year.
- 69,885 breakfasts and 281,587 lunches served districtwide.
- 96,081 meals served at La Vernia High School, including 23,106 breakfasts and 72,975 lunches.
- High School overall meal participation increased by 23%, with 17,948 additional meals served compared to 2024–2025.
- High School sales revenue totaled \$446,354, including \$257,777 in meal sales and \$188,578 in à la carte sales.
- LVISD invested approximately \$133,350 to continue providing free and reduced-price meals to eligible High School students without federal reimbursement.

Why These Prices?

- Supported by the Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) Calculation Tool.
- Comparable with area school district meal prices.
- Necessary to help offset rising food, labor, supplies, and operating costs.



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- Supports high-quality meals, menu variety, student choice, and financial sustainability.

Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) Summary

Item	Result
2025-2026 Weighted Average Paid Lunch Price	\$2.90
2026-2027 Required Weighted Average Price	\$3.00
Prior-Year Shortfall	\$0.35
Projected Weighted Average with Proposed Prices	\$3.33

The PLE Calculation Tool supports the need to increase paid lunch prices and helps demonstrate that the recommendation is grounded in federal pricing guidance.



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Area District Meal Price Comparison

Comparison districts were selected based on geographic proximity and available published meal prices for the 2025–2026 school year.

Lunch Prices	Elementary	Middle School	High School
Stockdale ISD	\$2.95	\$3.15	\$3.15
Floresville ISD	\$2.90	\$3.00	\$3.00
Pleasanton ISD	\$2.70	\$2.95	\$2.95
Dripping Springs ISD	\$3.45	\$3.65	\$4.40
New Braunfels ISD	\$3.15	\$3.40	\$3.40
LVISD Current	\$2.85	\$3.00	\$4.50
LVISD Proposed	\$3.25	\$3.50	\$5.00

Breakfast Prices	Elementary	Middle School	High School
Stockdale ISD	FREE	FREE	FREE
Floresville ISD	FREE	\$1.60	\$1.60
Pleasanton ISD	FREE	FREE	FREE
Dripping Springs ISD	\$1.90	\$2.05	\$2.05
New Braunfels ISD	\$1.85	\$1.85	\$1.85
LVISD Current	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$2.50
LVISD Proposed	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$3.00



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Frequently Asked Questions

Why are meal prices increasing?

Food, labor, supplies, and operating costs continue to increase. Paid meal reimbursement remains very limited, so local meal pricing is necessary to maintain a financially sustainable program.

How do our prices compare with neighboring districts?

The Board packet includes an area district comparison. Even with the proposed increases, LVISD prices remain competitive with surrounding districts.

Why is the High School lunch price higher?

The High School operates outside the National School Lunch Program, which allows greater menu flexibility but also means the campus does not receive federal reimbursement or USDA Foods for those meals.

Should the Junior High be removed from NSLP in the future?

The High School model has been successful, but the Junior High is a different student population. Before making any recommendation, we would complete a full financial and operational analysis, including participation, reimbursement, USDA Foods, parent affordability, staffing, and long-term sustainability.

Will participation decline because of the increase?

Our focus is to maintain meal quality and value. The High School has shown that students respond positively when meals are appealing and include choices they enjoy.

Why did the district continue providing free and reduced-price meals at the High School without reimbursement?

We believe eligible students should continue having access to nutritious meals. Even though those meals were not reimbursable at LVHS, the district continued providing that support.



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Appendix A – Official Paid Lunch Equity Calculation Tool

The official PLE Calculation Tool is included below for transparency and documentation.



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SFA NAME: [TYPE SFA NAME HERE]

The prices are based on adjusting SY 2025-26 price requirement by the 2% rate increase plus the Consumer Price Index (3.85%).

SY 2026-27 Weighted Average Price Requirement			
Requirement to the nearest cent		Requirement ROUNDED DOWN to the nearest 5 cents	
\$	3.48	\$	3.45

SY 2026-27 Price Raise Calculator

Step 1

If the SY 2025-26 Weighted Average Price is equal to or above the target price of \$4.16 then the SFA is compliant for SY 2026-27.

SY 2025-26 Weighted Average Price Calculator

Enter the paid prices and number of paid lunches sold at each price for October 2025.

	Number of Paid Lunches	Paid Lunch Prices	Monthly Revenue	Weighted Average Price for SY 2025-26
1	9,219	\$ 3.00	\$ 15,657.00	
2	11,007	\$ 2.85	\$ 31,369.95	
3			\$ -	
4			\$ -	
5			\$ -	
6			\$ -	
7			\$ -	
8			\$ -	
9			\$ -	
10			\$ -	
Total	16,226		\$ 47,026.95	\$ 2.90

Step 2

Shortfall or Credit

Enter any shortfall or credit carried forward from SY 2025-26.

\$ 0.35

Overview of the Calculations

Total Price Increase for SY 2026-27 (Based on the requirement rounded down to the nearest 5 cents)	
\$	0.20
Required Weighted Average Price for SY 2026-27 (Increase with the 10 cents cap)	
\$	3.00
Remaining Shortfall to Meet the Total Price Increase for SY 2026-27 (Based on establishing the price with the 10 cents cap)	
\$	0.10
Credit From the Total Price Increase for SY 2026-27 (Based on a greater price in SY 25-26 and/or credit from the previous year)	
\$	-

(Optional Step)

Pricing Estimation Calculator

Below is a tool allowing users to manipulate prices to achieve the required weighted average price for SY 2026-27.

	Number of Paid Lunches	Paid Lunch Prices	Monthly Revenue	Weighted Average Price for SY 2026-27
1	5,219	\$ 3.50	\$ 18,266.50	
2	11,007	\$ 3.25	\$ 35,772.75	
3			\$ -	
4			\$ -	
5			\$ -	
6			\$ -	
7			\$ -	
8			\$ -	
9			\$ -	
10			\$ -	
Total	16,226		\$ 54,039.25	\$ 3.33

Step 3

[SY 26-27 Report](#)

To review the instructions for the SY 26-27 Price Raise Calculator:

[Instructions](#)

Attention: Users should only enter information in the cells highlighted in green. Modifications should not be made to the tool as changes can cause an incorrect new average price to be calculated which will impact future calculations.

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