

Denton ISD
School Lunch Full Pay Pricing Increase for School Year 2025-2026
May 13, 2025

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of an increase in the full pay school lunch pricing for the 2025-2026 school year.

BOARD VALUE:

Growth & Management... In pursuit of excellence, we value

- adjusting policies and procedures to address rapid growth and changing demographics, nurturing our strong sense of community.
- demonstrating effective and efficient management of district resources.
- providing leadership and/or oversight to ensure District meets all fiscal, legal and regulatory requirements.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

On July 26, 2022, the Board approved the increase in paid meal pricing for the 2022-2023 school year. The full pay price has not changed since the increase went into effect.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- For 2022-2023, Denton ISD charged full pay students the following prices:

Breakfast Program	Price
Elementary	\$1.30
Secondary	\$1.60
Lunch Program	Price
Elementary	\$3.00
Secondary	\$3.30

- For the next three years, Denton ISD will continue to participate in the Community Eligibility Program allowing the district to provide breakfast and lunch at no cost to students of qualifying campuses.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- Supply chain issues, cost of employee hourly labor, retention and ongoing inflation have impacted all aspects of the food service operation.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- There is no impact to Denton ISD for raising the cost of meals to full pay students. All students that participate in school breakfast and lunch are subsidized by TDA / USDA funding.

Breakfast Program	Price
Elementary	\$1.40
Secondary	\$1.70
Lunch Program	Price
Elementary	\$3.10
Secondary	\$3.40

BENEFITS OF ACTION:

Approval of the increases will provide financial resources to the Child Nutrition Department to continue to meet the financial outcomes prescribed by TDA/USDA.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

None

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:

Recommends the Board approve the full pay meal price increase requested for school year 2025-2026.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Dr. Jeremy Thompson, Deputy Superintendent
Chris Bomberger, Executive Director of Administrative Services
Elizabeth Raftery, Director of Child Nutrition

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Leader: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____