



Department of Education

Townsend Building
401 Federal Street Suite 2
Dover, Delaware 19901-3639
education.delaware.gov

Cynthia Marten
Secretary of Education
302-735-4000
302-739-4654 (fax)

July 24, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors of Residential Child Care Institutions
Other Appropriate Personnel

FROM: Aimee F. Beam, MS, RD 
Director, Nutrition Programs

RE: **SY 2026-2027 Operational Memo #4**
School Breakfast Program Outreach

School breakfast continues to be a focus of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and within the state of Delaware. The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, PL 111-296, established requirements for conducting outreach in the School Breakfast Program (SBP).

At the beginning of each school year, or when the SBP resumes for School Year (SY) 2026-2027, School Food Authorities (SFAs) must inform families of the availability of the SBP. This information can be provided in many ways including: weekly announcements to students; menus posted in the office; menus sent home with back-to-school paperwork; menus posted on the SFA website; emails or automated calls to families; and social media posts. This requirement is reviewed during an Administrative Review. As a reminder:

House Bill 408 went into effect SY 2017-2018:

- Beginning in school year 2017-2018, every public school site, including charter school sites, participating in the Community Eligibility Provision, shall be required to offer a breakfast at no cost to every student in the school through an Alternative Service Model, which may be in addition to their traditional breakfast meal service.
 - legis.delaware.gov/json/BillDetail/GetHtmlDocument?fileAttachmentId=50151

House Substitute 2 for House Bill 125 went into effect SY 2024-2025:

- Requires all public schools (district and charters) that are not in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) to provide a free breakfast and lunch to children who

qualify for reduced-price meals. The Delaware Department of Education will reimburse all meals served to reduced-priced students \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch.

- <https://legis.delaware.gov/BillDetail/141281>

House Substitute 1 for House Bill 91 went into effect on July 1, 2025:

- Requires all public schools (districts and charters) that are not in the CEP to provide a breakfast meal free to all students. The Delaware Department of Education will reimburse all meals served to paid students the difference between the federal free reimbursement rate and federal paid reimbursement rate.
 - [Bill Detail - Delaware General Assembly](#)

If you would like to discuss ways to increase breakfast participation in your school(s), or if you need assistance with the implementation of any of these bills, please contact us at 302-857-3356.

cc: DDOE Nutrition Team