

BREAKFAST AFTER THE BELL



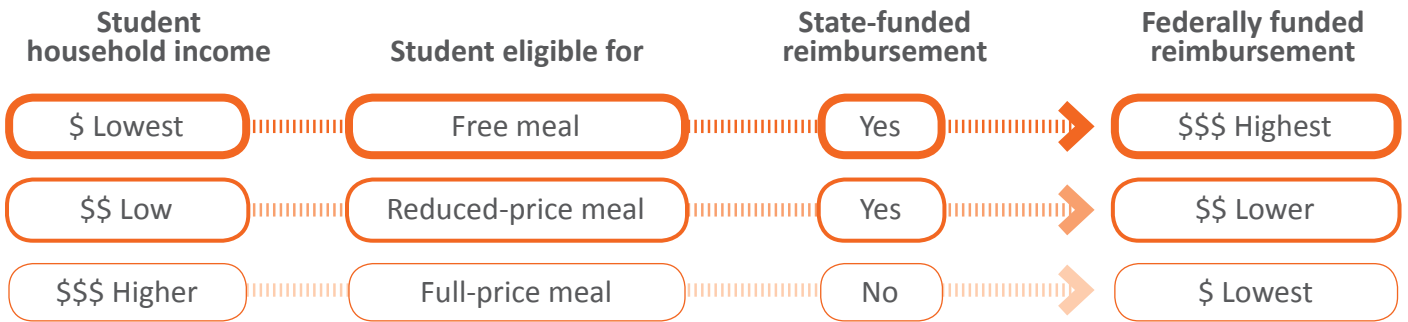
The School Breakfast Program

School breakfast basics

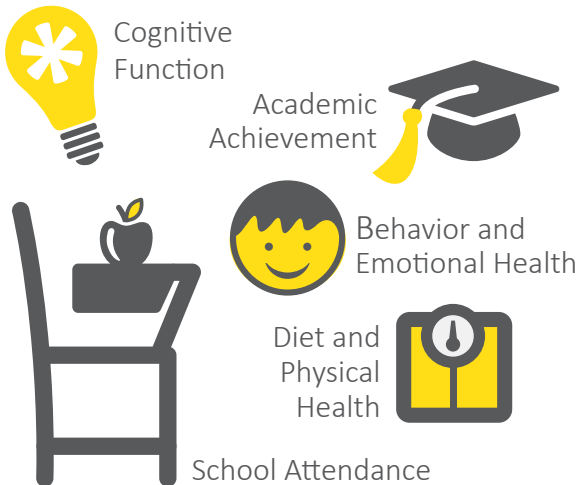
The federal School Breakfast Program is a valuable resource for public school students.



- **Low-income students are eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals.** High-poverty schools can utilize federally authorized options that allow them to offer meals free of charge to all students.
- **Participating schools receive a federally funded reimbursement for each meal served.** Generally, schools receive the highest reimbursement for meals served to the lowest-income students.
- **California schools receive a small state-funded reimbursement for meals served to lower-income students.** The federal reimbursement is several times larger than the state — both are vital to the school meal programs.



Improving student outcomes



School breakfast in California

- 2 million of California's most vulnerable students miss out on the benefits of school breakfast.
- As a result, public schools lose out on hundreds of millions in federal reimbursements each year.
- Serving breakfast after the start of the school day increases student participation and federal funding for California schools.

