

House Bill 1082: Frequently Asked Questions
Updated: August 2026
Covering the Cost of Reduced-Price School Meals

Q1: What does House Bill 1082 do?

A1: HB 1082 covers the amount families would otherwise pay for reduced-price breakfasts and lunches at participating public schools.

- The law is effective July 1, 2026.
- Participating public school districts may no longer charge students the reduced-price amount for breakfast or lunch.

Q2: Do families still need to apply for free or reduced-price meal benefits?

A2: Yes. Schools should maintain the same eligibility processes used in prior years. Families must still apply for free or reduced-price meals and qualify for benefits.

Q3: How should students who qualify for reduced-price meals be counted and claimed?

A3: Students who qualify for reduced-price meals must continue to be counted and claimed as reduced-price students, just as they were in prior years.

Q4: How should eligibility status be determined and documented?

A4: Continue processing free and reduced-price meal applications as usual and determine each student as free, reduced, or denied/paid.

- Students who qualify as reduced price must remain documented with reduced-price eligibility status in the point-of-sale system and in Infinite Campus.

Q5: What should the point-of-sale system charge for a reduced-price meal?

A5: The charge for a reduced-price breakfast or lunch must be set at \$0.00. The student's eligibility status should still remain reduced price.

Q6: How should reduced-price students be reported on the claim?

A6: List eligible students as reduced in the enrollment section of the claim and claim their meals in the reduced-price section, as you normally would.

Q7: How will schools be reimbursed for the amount families no longer pay?

A7: Schools should submit claims using the normal free/reduced/paid (F/R/P) claiming process. The process for submitting a claim will not change.

- State claiming rates are being implemented through the system vendor.
- Payment will be included with the school's regular claim reimbursement.

Q8: How should HB 1082 be reflected in the iCAN site application?

A8: Complete the application as you have in the past. Under the site application meal charges section (#16), select "pricing."

- Enter the applicable paid breakfast and lunch prices.
- Enter \$0.00 for the reduced-price breakfast and lunch charges.

Q9: What changes are needed in the Parent Packet?

A9: If using the Parent Packet template, leave the existing text as is and enter \$0.00 for reduced-price breakfast, if offered, and reduced-price lunch.

Q10: Who should I contact if I have questions?

A10: Contact the South Dakota Department of Education, Child and Adult Nutrition Services (CANS) at DOE.SchoolLunch@state.sd.us or 605-773-3413