

School Breakfast Program—Severe Need Breakfast Fact Sheet

An SFA may be eligible for a higher rate of reimbursement for breakfasts served to eligible children in the current school year based on USDA criteria for *severe need*. Severe need reimbursement is for sites serving breakfast to a large number of low income students. To be eligible for Severe Need Breakfast reimbursement, a site must meet the following criteria:

- Forty percent or more of the lunches claimed at the site in the second preceding school year were served free or at a reduced price
- The site is participating in or initiating a School Breakfast Program

Sponsors will automatically receive the higher rate of reimbursement for each eligible site. Eligibility is shown on the site application which is completed annually through Child Nutrition ACES in IWAS. Additionally the SFA must maintain documentation of all costs associated with the School Breakfast Program. The funds reimbursed for severe need may only be expended in those sites approved for the additional funding.

If you have any questions, please contact School-based Child Nutrition Program staff at (800) 545-7892 or (217) 782-2491 or via electronic mail cnp@isbe.net.