



Public Media Release (PMR)

Oakland Unified School District (Nutrition Services)

School Year 2025–2026

Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) announced its policy to provide all students at **no charge breakfast and lunch (Including milk or compliant milk substitute)** during the 2025–2026 school year under **California’s Universal Meals Program (UMP)**. This is in accordance with California Education Code Section 49501.5 and supported by the federal **National School Lunch Program (NSLP)** and **School Breakfast Program (SBP)**.

Under the **Universal Meals Program**, all students enrolled in Transitional Kindergarten (TK) through 12th grade in OUSD schools will receive **one free breakfast and one free lunch each school day** at no charge, **regardless of household income or immigration status**. No application is required to receive meals.

Depending on the school site's participation status, families are encouraged to **complete an Alternative Income Form** to help ensure OUSD continues to receive important supplemental education funding (such as LCFF and Title I). These forms are critical to maintaining equity-focused funding for school programs.

Participating Schools

All OUSD public schools participate in the Universal Meals Program and qualify under a federal **Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)**

Meal Pattern and Nutrition

All memorable meals served meet or exceed federal and state nutrition standards, including fruits, vegetables, whole grains, Meat or meat alternatives, and low-fat milk or compliant milk and milk substitute requirements.

For additional information, please contact Devinder Kumar, Senior Executive Director, Nutrition Services & Warehouse, at devinder.kumar@ousd.org.

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