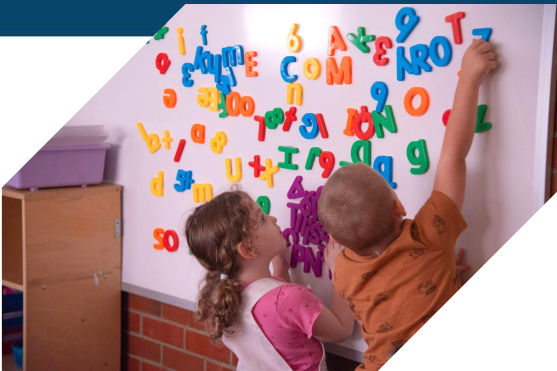




# Meal Prices 2026-2027

## Board of Education

Tuesday, May 26



# Program Overview

2025-2026 school year

- 79 staff members
- 246,128 reimbursable breakfasts
- 791,162 reimbursable lunches

Approximately \$6 million budget



# School Year Meal Participation Trends

School Year	Breakfasts Served	Lunches Served
2025-2026	246,128	791,162
2024-2025	255,661	788,844
2023-2024	274,349	795,708
2022-2023	234,958	795,425

In addition, middle schools and high schools also offer a la carte items.



# Summer Food Service Program Overview

8 weeks in summer (June 1 - July 24)

22 staff members providing meals to 11 locations

## Summer 2025 meals served:

- 52,118 breakfasts
- 1,748 snacks
- 56,924 lunches

All expenses are covered by federal summer meals reimbursement.



# Food Service Fund

## Financial Outlook



**USD 497 continues to experience a gap between meal revenue and the cost of providing meals.**

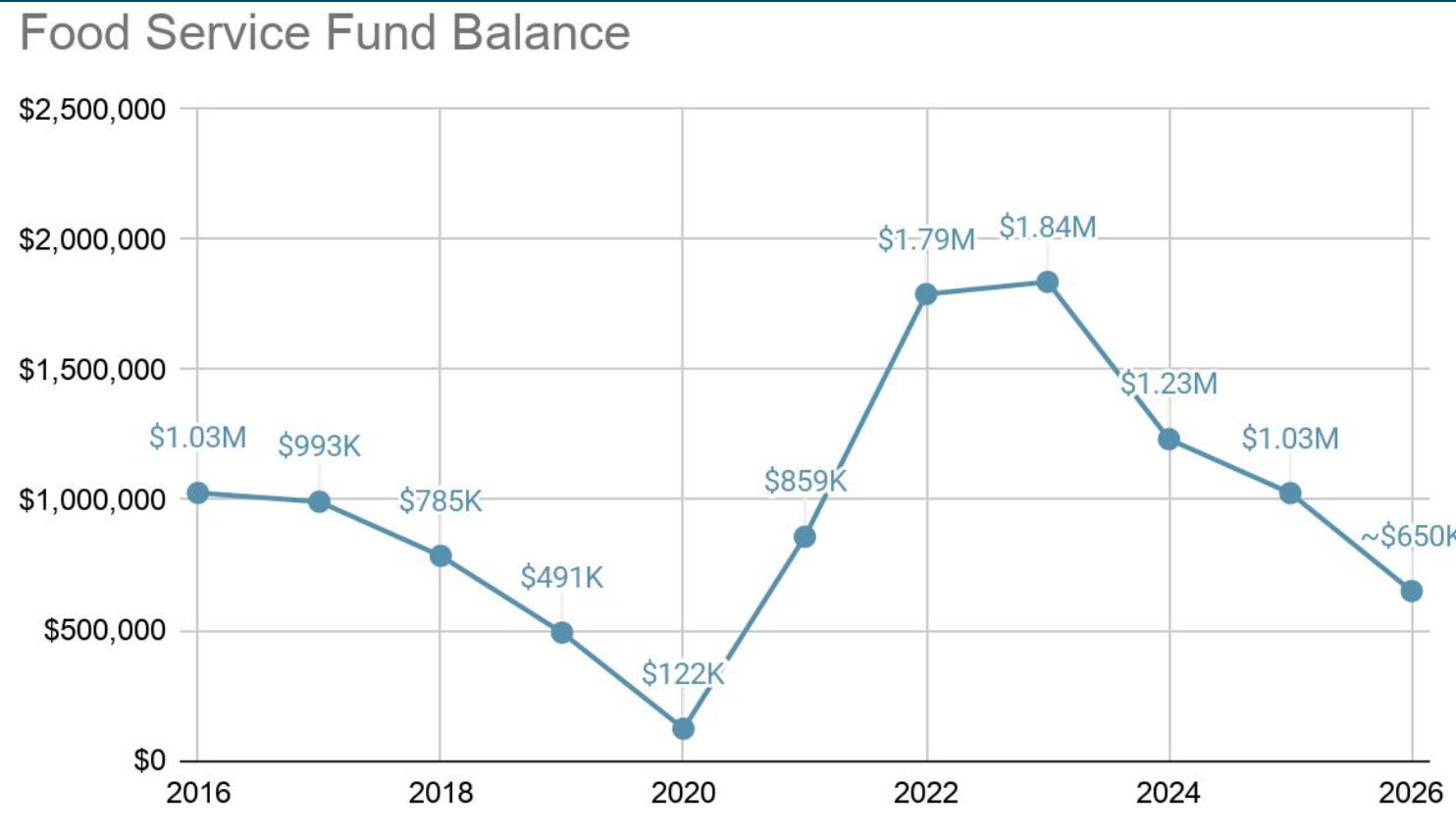
### Average increase in costs since 2023:

- Labor ↑ 13.31%
- Food & Milk ↑ 8.64%
- Miscellaneous ↑ 3.23%





# Food Service Fund Balance



During 2020-21 and 2021-22 all student meals were free and reimbursed at the federal summer free rate, which increased the fund balance.

# 2025-2026 Meal Costs



2025-2026 School Year	Free	Reduced-Price	Paid
Federal Reimbursement	\$4.995	\$4.595	\$0.835
State Reimbursement	\$0.04	\$0.04	\$0.04
Student Meal Charge	\$0.00	\$0.40	\$3.25
<b>Total Revenue Per Lunch</b>	<b>\$5.035</b>	<b>\$5.035</b>	<b>\$4.125</b>
Total Cost Per Lunch	\$5.07	\$5.07	\$5.07
<b>Profit/Loss Per Meal</b>	<b>-\$0.035</b>	<b>-\$0.035</b>	<b>-\$0.945</b>

# 2026-2027 Meal Price Recommendation



*Increase lunch by 15 cents, and breakfast by 10 cents*

Lunch	Current 2025-26	Recommended 2026-27
<b>Paid</b> (Ele   MS   HS)	\$3.10   \$3.30   \$3.35	\$3.25 (Pk-5)   \$3.45 (6-8)   \$3.50 (9-12)
<b>Reduced</b>	\$0.40	\$0.40

Breakfast	Current 2025-26	Recommended 2026-27
<b>Paid</b> (Ele   MS   HS)	\$2.10   \$2.20   \$2.25	\$2.20 (Pk-5)   \$2.30 (6-8)   \$2.35 (9-12)
<b>Reduced</b>	\$0.30	\$0.30



# Meal Price Comparisons (Lunch)



Area Lunch Prices				
District	Elementary	Middle School	High School	Year
Pratt	\$3.90	\$4.00	\$4.00	2025-2026
Manhattan	\$3.90	\$3.90	\$3.90	2025-2026
McPherson	\$3.80	\$4.00	\$4.00	2025-2026
Salina	\$3.55	\$3.75	\$3.95	2025-2026
Olathe	\$3.45	\$3.55	\$3.55	2026-2027
Blue Valley	\$3.40	\$3.55	\$3.95	2026-2027
Andover	\$3.40	\$3.70	\$3.75	2025-2026
Auburn-Washburn	\$3.34	\$3.62	\$3.62	2025-2026
<b>Lawrence</b>	<b>\$3.10</b>	<b>\$3.30</b>	<b>\$3.35</b>	<b>2025-2026</b>
DeSoto	\$3.05	\$3.10	\$3.20	2026-2027
Derby	\$3.00	\$3.85	\$4.00	2026-2027
Spring Hill	\$3.00	\$3.20	\$3.20	2025-2026
Shawnee Heights	\$2.90	\$2.90	\$3.00	2025-2026
Gardner-Edgerton	\$2.85	\$2.90	\$3.00	2026-2027
Shawnee Mission	\$2.85	\$3.00	\$3.00	2026-2027

# Meal Price Comparisons (Breakfast)



Area Breakfast Prices				
District	Elementary	Middle School	High School	Year
Pratt	\$3.03	\$3.10	\$3.10	2025-2026
McPherson	\$2.95	\$2.95	\$2.95	2025-2026
Derby	\$2.35	\$2.65	\$2.75	2026-2027
Salina	\$2.35	\$2.50	\$2.50	2025-2026
Andover	\$2.20	\$2.20	\$2.20	2025-2026
Auburn-Washburn	\$2.13	\$2.24	\$2.30	2025-2026
Lawrence	\$2.10	\$2.20	\$2.25	2025-2026
Spring Hill	\$2.05	\$2.05	\$2.05	2025-2026
Shawnee Heights	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	2025-2026
Manhattan	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.95	2025-2026
Blue Valley	\$1.85	\$1.95	\$1.95	2026-2027
Olathe	\$1.75	\$1.95	\$1.95	2026-2027
DeSoto	\$1.70	\$1.80	\$1.80	2026-2027
Gardner-Edgerton	\$1.65	\$1.75	\$1.75	2026-2027
Shawnee Mission	\$1.55	\$1.65	\$1.65	2026-2027

