

Informational Session on Senate Bill 4 (SB4) Rules

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What is Senate Bill 4



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Terms You May Have Heard -
Universal Free Meals Food Initiative
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Kids Kitchens.....

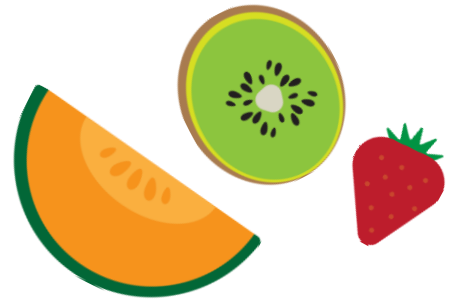
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New Mexico

- Is among 9 states that have adopted post-pandemic Universal Free Meals for Students.

Unique to New Mexico

- Healthy Meal Provisions
- Food Waste Provisions



National School Breakfast/Lunch Programs

Terms You May Have Heard -

Hunger Free Kids
Universal Free Meals Food Initiative
Senate Bill 4 (SB4)
Kids Kitchens.....

- Required for All SFAs
 - Public
 - Charter
- Optional for SFAs within
 - Bureau of Indian Education
 - Private
- Meeting Requirements = Funding



School Meals With or Without Kids Kitchens (SB4)

	Without	With
Allowable Meals	Breakfast & Lunch Option to serve one or both	Breakfast & Lunch Must serve both
Sponsor Organization Eligibility	Schools that participate in the SBP or NSLP.	Schools that participate in the SBP or NSLP. All K through 12 Public Schools and Charter Schools.
Free & Reduced Price Meal Applications	Must collect and process applications as part of normal operations. Must follow disclosure requirements, complete verification and direct certification. May use a student's eligibility status from the prior school year for the first 30 days of the new school year (i.e., carryover).	?I need content here?



What is a healthy meal?

- Our initiative will emphasize healthy, freshly prepared, and New Mexico-sourced meals.
- We believe that a healthy school meal should be appetizing, educational, freshly prepared, minimally processed, New Mexico-sourced, student and family-informed, and culturally responsive.
- Healthy meal improvement requirements will be determined through the rulemaking process.



How does it work?



1 Healthy, free meals for all - To ensure that every New Mexico student has access to high quality meals at no cost, the state will cover the price for all meals without consideration of students' eligibility for a federally funded free or reduced-price meals. A tiered, performance-based reimbursement will result in higher quality meals for all New Mexico students.

Estimated cost: \$30 million

2 New Mexico Grown incentive - The state is taking this one step further by incentivizing schools to purchase even more local, high-quality, and healthy ingredients from New Mexico farmers, ranchers, and food businesses.

Estimated cost: \$2 million

3 School kitchen infrastructure improvement - Invest in school kitchen equipment and upgrades so that schools have what they need to prepare more healthy, scratch-cooked meals for students.

Estimated cost: \$20 million

4 School nutrition workforce and infrastructure investment - Support collaboration between universities, colleges, and other essential organizations to improve K-12 meal quality and strengthen nutrition workforce pathways in K-12 settings.

Estimated cost: \$400,000

5 Food waste prevention and rescue - Schools will achieve the lowest level of food waste by ensuring longer seat time for students in grades K-5, and rescuing food for reuse when possible.

Estimated cost: \$0



Rulemaking Timeline - Update

Tentative Rulemaking Timeline	
Planning, drafting, and stakeholder engagement	November 2023 March 2024
Submit Notice and Rule Draft to the New Mexico Register	April 11, 2024
Notice and Rule Draft are published and public comment	April 23, 2024 – May 28, 2024
Tribal Input Session	To be determined
Public Hearing	To be determined
Publication of Rule in NMAC	June 25, 2024
Effective Date	July 1, 2024 , Certification Date by July 1, 2025
*Dates are based on the New Mexico Register’s 2023 Rulemaking Schedule. The 2024 Rulemaking Schedule has not been published yet.	



Components

- Freshly Prepared Meals
- New Mexico Grown
- Food Waste Reduction
 - Shared Tables (required for all)
 - Seat Time (required for all)
- Food & Nutrition Education
- Student & Family Voice



Two Pathways

- Level 1

- Level 2



Level 1

- Freshly Prepared Meals
 - No less than 50%
- New Mexico Grown
 - At least 3 items weekly
- Food Waste Reduction
 - Shared Tables
 - Food Donations
 - Seat Time
- wide educational program that provides nutrition education to students.



Level 2

- Freshly Prepared Meals
 - 75% or greater
- New Mexico Grown
 - More than four items weekly
 - No less than 50 percent of schools shall grow food on campus with monthly incorporation of produced food into breakfast, lunch, or snack programs.
 - No less than 50 percent of schools shall have a comprehensive, schoolwide educational program that provides nutrition education to students.



We are here to help-



Let's Begin

