

Provision II

What is Provision II?

- Four year program for school districts to utilize under the federal School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program.
- Reduces the paperwork and simplifies the administration of operating meal programs.
- After first year (Base Year), schools do not have to collect and process meal applications, conduct application verification, or track meals by eligibility category. Meal tickets are not required!
- All students eat at no charge.
- Significant administrative savings offset cost of serving meals at no charge to students that are full or reduced price.

Basic Criteria for Provision II within LAUSD:

- **80% OF ENROLLED STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR FREE LUNCH**
- **85% OF ENROLLED STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH (COMBINED)**

Schools that meet these basic criteria by October may be selected for Provision II for the following school year. Once selected, schools must meet certain qualifications during Base Year in order to continue.

Base Year:

- First Year of Provision II
- Applications must be collected and processed; meal eligibility (free, reduced, and paid) is tracked.
- Applications must be received by October 31 in order to make Provision II cutoff. It is critical that school administration works closely with cafeteria manager to ensure that the maximum number of applications is turned in.
- Students must continue to use tickets, meal cards, etc in order to obtain a meal.
- Meals are claimed for reimbursement based on student's eligibility.
- Students eat at no charge.
- Cafeteria Managers must maintain all required paperwork. Paperwork must be appropriately filed and stored for a minimum of 3 years. See Provision II Café Mgr. Checklist.
- A minimum of 80% of enrolled students must have free eligibility, and 85% must have free and reduced combined eligibility by the end of October in order to move forward into Year 2 of Provision II.
- Schools that **do not** meet the criteria to move forward we be placed back on pricing where students would be required to pay for meals based on meal eligibility.

Years 2 -4

- Schools do not collect applications.
- Students continue to receive meals at no charge.
- Students do not use meal tickets; they are simply counted after they have selected a reimbursable meal.
- Reimbursement is calculated by applying the percentages of free, reduced price and “paid” meals served during the Base Year to the current total number of meals served.
- An extension of the 4 Year Cycle can be requested for another 3 years at the end of Year 4.

What are the benefits of Provision II?

- Simplifies paperwork
- Streamlines meal service
- Reduces administrative cost and time involved in application processing, ticket books etc.
- Increases student participation
- Promotes good nutrition and helps improve student performance
- Promotes the value of good nutrition to all students and removes stigmatism of tickets.

How can you get started?

- If you are interested in Provision II and fit the basic criteria, contact your Area Food Services Supervisor.
- If you are selected, you will need to work closely with the Cafeteria Manager, Area Food Services Supervisor, teachers and parents.
- You will need to collect as many applications as possible and continuously identify students who have not turned in applications and encourage them to submit one.
- Various parent letters, flyers, and posters are available both on-line and from our Café LA marketing team.