

Albuquerque Public School
Food and Nutrition Services
BREAKFAST AFTER THE BELL (BATB)

Did You Know?

39 of APS elementary schools and 2 middle schools are currently participating in the State of New Mexico BATB program. Under the most recent New Mexico breakfast law, all elementary schools with approved students for free/reduced price eligible of 85% or above is required to offer all students a reimbursable breakfast meal at no cost to them.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

What is BATB?

Breakfast after the Bell allows students to eat a well-balanced breakfast during instructional time.* (*Senate Bill 144a which Governor Martinez signed into law.)

How does the BATB program work?

There are two ways Breakfast after the Bell can be distributed. The first option is Breakfast in the Classroom (BIC); menu items are packed in bins and delivered to the classrooms by students or teachers. The second option is the Grab & Go (G&G); each student picks up his/her meal from the cafeteria and the students return to the classroom to eat breakfast during instructional time. (G&G is only recommended if total enrollment of the school is less than 350 students.)

What are the students offered?

The student is offered at least four food items from three food groups. The three food groups are whole grains, fruits and milk. The student is required to take 3 food items one being a ½ cup of fruit to receive the meal at no charge.

Can a student just take one food item at no charge?

No, single items are to be paid for at the published price by the student. Only a reimbursable meal can be taken by the student for no charge.