# Breakfast 😑 School Success

## Why School Breakfast?

Breakfast Improves School Performance

With a school breakfast program:<sup>1, 2, 3</sup>

- Students' math and reading scores improved
- Students were less likely to miss class or be tardy
- Discipline problems decreased
- Visits to the school nurse decreased





### Breakfast Supplies Important Nutrients

Breakfast contributes less than 20% of daily calories, while providing many key vitamins and minerals including:<sup>4, 5</sup>

- Calcium B vitamins
- Iron Vitamin D

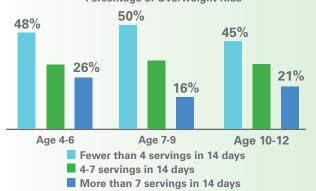
Nutrients missed at breakfast are typically not made up during the day.<sup>6</sup>

### Breakfast Eaters Have Healthier Body Weights

Eating breakfast is a healthy habit that can help kids and adults on the path toward a healthy weight.

- Breakfast eaters are less likely to be overweight.<sup>7, 8, 9</sup>
- Frequent cereal eaters weigh less than those who consume cereal less often.<sup>10</sup>

Kids Who Frequently Eat Cereal Have Healthier Body Weights Percentage of Overweight Kids





## **Opportunities to Grow School Breakfast**

Solutions to overcome barriers to school breakfast (such as busy schedules, lack of resources, and bus schedules) are not one-sizefits-all. Many schools have achieved success by changing to a new venue or offering a combination of breakfast options, such as:

- Breakfast in the classroom
- Non-traditional breakfast times (second chance breakfast)
- Breakfast kiosks
- Grab-and-go breakfast
- Breakfast on the bus

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## A School Breakfast Program Benefits Everyone

#### With a school breakfast program:

#### **Schools:**

- Can generate additional revenue each year.
- Have students who are better prepared to learn.

#### **Students:**

- Are given an opportunity to start the day with a healthful meal.
- Can achieve higher test scores.
- Are less likely to miss class, be tardy, have disciplinary problems, and/or visit the school nurse.

**Reimbursable Breakfast to Lunch Gap<sup>11</sup>** 





## You can meet the needs of students and capture a growing market:

- About 20 million more kids are eating school lunches than school breakfasts each day.
- More than 25% of 11-18 year-olds skip breakfast.<sup>12</sup>
- 35 -30 25 **Million Meals** ~ 20 Million 20 **Meal Gap!** 15 10 **Breakfast** Lunch 5 0 1995 2000 2005 2006 1985

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