



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF

EDUCATION

Breakfast in the Classroom Waiver

NAME OF SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITY:

SITE NAME:

SCHOOL YEAR:

Per the Healthy Schools Act (HSA), elementary schools must offer free breakfast in the classroom (BIC) to all students if more than 40 percent of students at a school qualify for free or reduced-price meals, and breakfast participation is below 75 percent of average daily attendance¹.

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) may grant a waiver to an elementary school required to serve BIC for one school year if the School Food Authority (SFA) submits a written action plan to OSSE showing a strategy to utilize an alternative breakfast serving model that will enable the school to reach the 75 percent breakfast participation rate².

Schools that do not demonstrate incremental progress toward meeting the 75 percent participation rate upon completion of a waiver period shall implement BIC at the start of the next school year³.

Waiver Criteria:

The SFA must provide a plan to make incremental progress toward meeting the 75 percent participation rate.

The SFA must submit a plan for each site that is requesting a waiver. The plan must include:

- The current serving model and the process for serving breakfast;
- Justification for why BIC is not the best serving model for the school;
- Strategies and initiatives that will be implemented to support an increase in breakfast participation;
- Ways the school will promote breakfast to students, families and other stakeholders; and
- Applicable grades for which the waiver is being requested.

This waiver request must be completed and signed by an authorized representative of the SFA operating the School Breakfast Program and uploaded with the SFA's application for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or Seamless Summer Option (SSO) in Orchard.

Definitions:

Breakfast in the Classroom: BIC is an alternative breakfast serving model where students eat breakfast in the classroom after the start of the school day.

Alternative Breakfast Serving Model: An alternative breakfast serving model is a model of serving breakfast, such as BIC or breakfast on grab-and-go carts, in which breakfast is offered in one or more locations with high student traffic other than the cafeteria. With alternative breakfast serving models, breakfast is also available after the start of the school day or both before and after the start of the school day. The model must be proven to increase student participation in breakfast relative to the traditional serving model, in which breakfast is served in the cafeteria before the start of the school day.

¹ DC Official Code § 38-822.03 (a)

² DC Official Code § 38-822.03(a)(3)(A)

³ DC Official Code § 38-822.03(a)(3)(B)

Please enter the plan in the spaces below.

Proposed serving model and process for serving breakfast:

Justification for why BIC is not the best serving model for the school:

Strategies and initiatives that will be implemented to support an increase in breakfast participation:

Ways the school will promote breakfast to students, families and other stakeholders:

Applicable grades for which the waiver is being requested:

School Food Authority Required Signature (Authorized Representative):

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Printed Name	Signature	Date