

BREAKFAST IN THE CLASSROOM (BIC) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Why are we offering BIC?

- The Board of Education passed Board Resolution- Breakfast in the Classroom for Student Success on April 10, 2012 to provide Breakfast in the Classroom to all schools who qualify to ensure all students have equal access to a healthy breakfast. The District has over 19,000 students in a homeless situation, 24,000 foster students, and 80% of students qualifying for free and reduced meals which indicates that these families may be facing food insecurity. Studies have shown that when students are hungry, it impacts academic performance, and BIC is an avenue to provide nourishment to students to start their day. BIC is a USDA, government funded program free of charge to all students participating.

2. Are students required to participate?

- No. No student is required to take any meal offered by LAUSD Food Services Division. This includes breakfast, lunch and supper.

3. Can students check off the "Meal Count Report" instead of the teacher?

- The teacher or designated adult should check off the roster.

4. Do I need to make a mark on the "Meal Count Report" for absent students or students who do not want a breakfast meal?

- No. Students that are absent or choose not to participate in BIC are not checked off on the "Meal Count Report". Only students who participate should be checked off. Please refer to the "Breakfast in the Classroom Teachers and Administrators Training" video.

5. Can the teacher check off the "Meal Count Report" after everyone has their food?

- No. Per CDE guidelines, students' names must be checked off once each student receives a reimbursable meal.

6. If students ate at home, can they participate in the BIC program?

- Yes. It is the student's choice to participate in the program

7. Why are we returning share table food to the cafeteria?

- New USDA guidelines allow Food Services to reuse unopened items selected by students to reduce waste. Per USDA regulations, these items MUST be returned to the cafeteria.

8. Does the BIC program increase the amount of food waste?

- No. With the food now returning to the cafeteria from the share table, food waste is reduced.

9. What if I don't have room for a share table?

- Here are a few alternate options: The food/beverage that goes in the share bags can be placed on another available space or towards the end of BIC, a student can walk around the classroom with a share table bag to collect unwanted and unopened food/beverage items.

10. I have a student with food allergies, and I am concerned about food in the classroom. How do we protect and accommodate students with allergies?

- Food Services carefully considered food allergies when building this program and the breakfast menu, and we continue to work closely with parents, students and schools to ensure that every child is safe. If there are concerns, please address them with the Food Services Manager.

11. What do I do if I don't get enough food for the students?

- You may call the cafeteria and request more food or send students to the cafeteria to get more items.

12. Can food be put aside for students to eat during recess?

- No. Students can choose a menu item as part of "Save it for Later". Refer to the "BIC Guide: Instructions for Teachers" flyer.