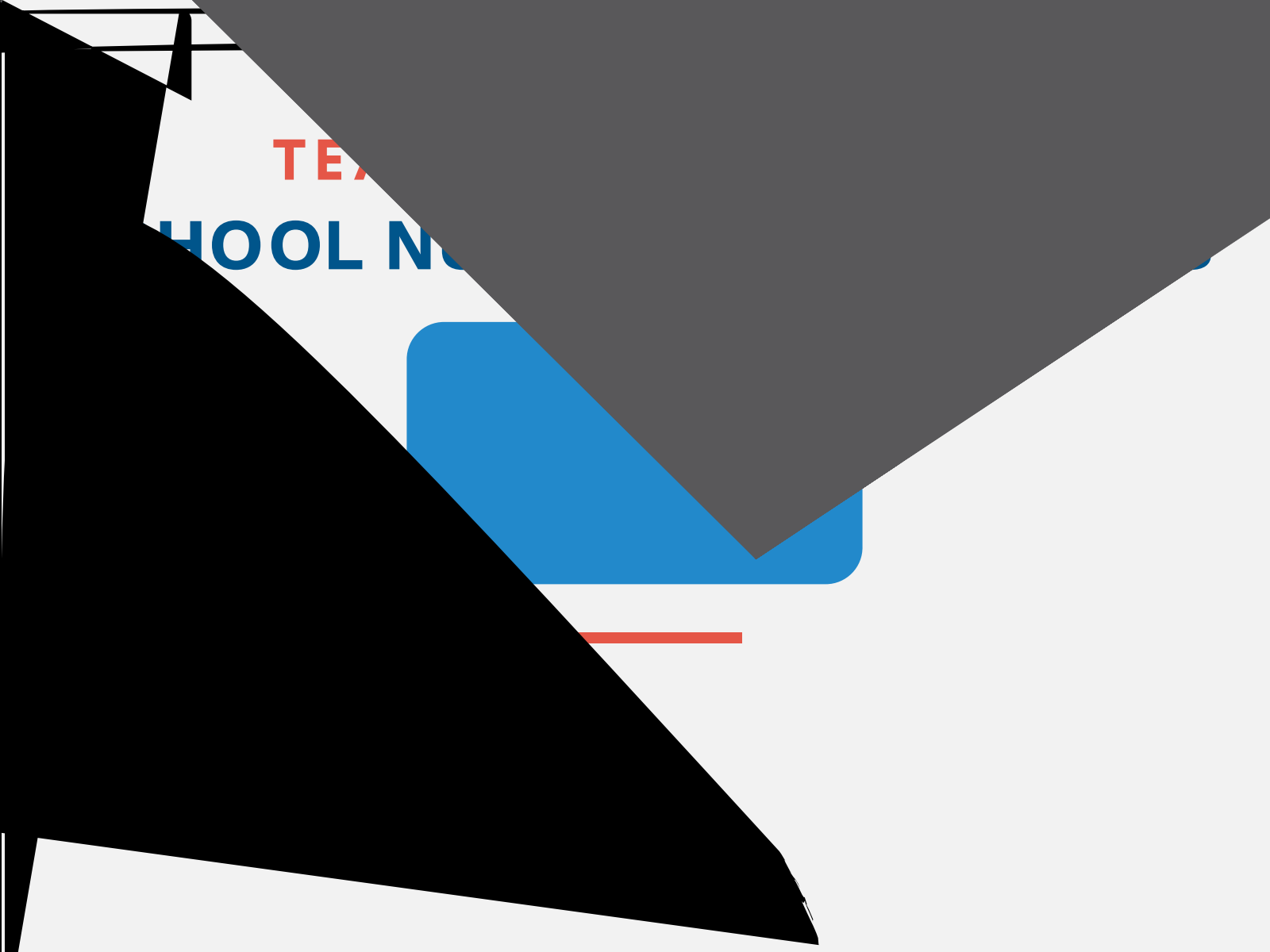




Must be eligible by site or area.

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HOW ARE THESE PROGRAMS FUNDED?

FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT, NON-PROFIT OPERATION

Schools receive reimbursement from USDA for serving "reimbursable meals." A reimbursable meal is a meal that meets the meal pattern and contains enough food to support a healthy diet. USDA gives money to ADE and ADE gives reimbursement money to school nutrition programs based on how many free, reduced price, or paid meals were served each month.

Reimbursement funds for school meals are kept in a separate account from other school funds. The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) is very explicit about how school food service reimbursement funds can and cannot be spent. Essentially, school food service funds must be used to pay for labor, equipment, food, kitchen utilities, and bettering the program in general, not to support other school departments.

DIVERSITY OF SCHOOL MEALS (NOTES)

WHY DIVERSITY?