

**D6. HOUSEHOLD ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL BROCHURE -
ENGLISH (GROUP 2)**

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Who is conducting the study?

Mathematica Policy Research is doing this study for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Food and Nutrition Service (FNS). Mathematica has more than 25 years of experience studying school nutrition programs.

Am I required to participate?

No. You are not required to participate. However, we need your help for the study to be useful! The information you give us will help FNS learn about students' nutritional needs so that the school meal program can better serve your community.

As a thank you for participating, students will receive a (\$5/\$15) gift card and parents will receive a (\$25/\$15) gift card. The study complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)



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Why is this study being done?

Schools are working to follow updated rules aimed at giving healthier foods to children. Schools are also trying to promote healthy eating and exercise habits. FNS is sponsoring this study to learn how these federally sponsored school meal programs are working.



How will the study work?

We will interview students and their parents. We will ask about what students eat, their activities, and their opinions about school meals. The study will represent all public school students across the country. The information you and your child share will help FNS learn about the school meal program and how it can better serve your community. Your experiences and opinions matter!

My child does not eat the school breakfast or lunch. Should I still participate?

Yes! This study is about all students. It is important that we interview students who eat school meals and those who do not. Even if your child has never eaten the school breakfast or lunch, we need your help. We want to understand why some families do not participate in the school meal program.



Will my answers be kept private?

All information gathered for the study will be kept private to the fullest extent allowed by law. No information on individual students or families will be shared or reported. No students or parents will be named or identified in any way. Your participation will not affect any benefits you may receive now or in the future.

What will I be asked?

The person who interviews you may ask about:

- How often your child eats schools meals
- What your child usually eats and what he or she ate on a specific day
- General student characteristics, such as height and weight, and exercise habits
- Satisfaction with the school meal program



How long will the interview take?

The student interview will take place in school. It will last about 60 minutes. The parent interview will take place by phone and will last about (40/25) minutes.

What do I get for participating?

As a thank you for participating, parents will receive a (\$25/\$15) gift card after completing an interview. Students will receive a (\$5/\$15) gift card.