# Food Services

El Paso Leadership Academy participates in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs and offers nutritionally balanced breakfasts and lunches. Guidelines set by the Texas Department of Agriculture (“TDA”) and United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) are followed to meet the nutritional needs of all scholars. Menus may be obtained at the main office with the front office staff. Information about a scholar’s participation is confidential. All scholars are entitled to a free breakfast and lunch if qualified.

If your child has special dietary needs, please communicate those needs to the Nutrition Clerk at the scholar’s campus. If you bring lunch to your scholar during the day, you must drop it off in the office. Parents and scholars may not deliver meals directly to them such as “uber eats, doordash, postmates, any fast-food delivery etc.” If the lunch arrives after your child’s scheduled lunchtime, the scholar must generally wait until after school to eat the lunch.

Parents and/or scholars are not permitted to order food from outside the school, but scholars can bring lunch on their own.

**State-Mandated Nutrition Guidelines**

The TDA places strict limits on any food or drink provided or sold to scholars other than through the school’s food and nutrition services. More detailed information may be obtained at the school office or online at www.squaremeals.org.