

REFERENCE TITLE: appropriation; free school meals

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## **HB 2213**

Introduced by  
Representatives Gutierrez: Abeytia, Aguilar, Austin, Cavero, Contreras P,  
Crews, De Los Santos, Garcia, Hernandez L, Márquez, Mathis, Simacek,  
Travers; Senator Ortiz

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Appropriation; department of education ; free  
3 school lunches; intent

4 A. The sum of \$3,800,000 is appropriated from the state general  
5 fund in fiscal year 2025-2026 to the department of education to provide  
6 free school lunches for children who meet the income eligibility  
7 requirements for free and reduced-price lunches under the national school  
8 lunch and child nutrition acts (42 United States Code sections 1751  
9 through 1793).

10 B. The legislature intends that the appropriation made in  
11 subsection A of this section be considered ongoing funding in future  
12 years.