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Local Schools Now Serving Dinner

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Students at 20 schools in the San Diego Unified School District can now have dinner at school.

Congress passed the "Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act" in 2010, which allows after-school programs to receive federal funding for dinner.

The district is currently serves dinner to more than 1500 students and the number is expected to increase to more than 2000 by March

By the middle of next year, district officials expect the program to expand to at least 13,000 students.

"San Diego is no different, it is very expensive to live here and families do struggle, so we do have the opportunity to provide them breakfast, lunch and now supper." said Gary Petill with the district.

To be eligible, the after-school program must have an educational component, such as homework tutoring or a class on health and nutrition and at least half the students served must qualify for free or reduced-price meals.