

2.3.1 Student Food Insecurity and Hunger

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AASTMT has operationalized a structured program aimed at mitigating food insecurity within its student community. The university maintains an affordable meal policy through its campus food service outlets, offering meals priced at cost or at substantially reduced rates to ensure accessibility. In particular, subsidized and free meal plans are offered to students living in on-campus residences who come from low-income backgrounds, helping to reduce financial burdens while promoting students' health, focus, and overall well-being. This is done through multiple efforts:

- The outlets and cafeterias across the campuses offer their meals and food at lower prices than their original prices outside campuses' borders, with approximately 5 to 10% lower prices than original ones.
- Meal pricing is calculated with minimum profit margins and is based on actual supply costs, thereby enabling nutritious food options at more accessible price points.
- Daily varieties of meal service reaches more than 1000 students and staff members
- AASTMT's admissions and financial-aid framework includes need-based waivers and tuition support for low-income and disrupted families, underscoring the institution's broader commitment to economic inclusion.

These efforts reflect AASTMT's commitment to ensuring that all students are able to access balanced, nutritious meals, thereby supporting their academic success, wellbeing and equitable participation in campus life.

