



Weld County School District RE-5J

Johnstown-Milliken

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Date: May 7, 2025
To: Weld RE-5J Board of Education
Cc: Scott Nielsen, Superintendent of Schools
From: Michael Everest, Chief Financial Officer
RE: Proposed Food Service Price Increases for 2025-26 and District Meal Policy

District administration is seeking approval for some required meal price increases for the 2025-26 school year as well as approval of the district's meal policy.

Proposed Meal Price Increases for 2025-26

District administration is requesting the following changes to meal prices for the 2025-26 school year. Each year, the district evaluates required National School Lunch Program pricing for its meals. It has been determined that to remain in compliance with the National School Lunch Program, the district needs to make the below changes to its meal pricing for the 2025-26 school year. Note that this change will not have an impact on district families so long as the district is able to participate in the Colorado Healthy School Meals for All Program. Should the district not be able to participate in this program, families that do not qualify for free or reduced lunch/break will be required to pay the increased price.

Adult Breakfast \$2.40 (No Change)
Adult Lunch \$4.65 (No Change)
Student Breakfast \$1.80 (Current), \$2.00 (Requested 2025-26)
Elementary Lunch \$2.75 (Current), \$3.00 (Requested 2025-26)
Middle School Lunch \$2.85 (Current), \$3.25 (Requested 2025-26)
High School Lunch \$3.00 (Current), \$3.25 (Requested 2025-26)
Second Entree \$1.75 (Current), \$2.00 (Requested 2025-26)
Extra Milk \$0.60 (Current), \$0.75 (Requested 2025-26)

District Meal Policy

Below is the district's meal policy. District administration is requesting the Board of Education affirm this policy going forward. If the district is no longer able to participation in the Colorado Healthy School Meals for All Program, district administration will need to ask the Board of Education to update this policy.

Weld RE-5J School District will be participating in the "Healthy School Meals for All" program. Each child will be able to receive one complimentary breakfast and one complimentary lunch daily. Snacks are not included in this program, and any additional items beyond the provided breakfast and lunch will need to be paid for out of the students' meal accounts. This includes but is not limited to second entrees, extra milk, a la carte items, and first milks or salad bar trips for students who bring lunch from home. Single milk will be charged 75 cents to the students' account. If a student's meal account has insufficient funds, they will not be able to purchase any additional items beyond the complimentary breakfast and lunch. High schoolers will have the option to pay for a la carte items with cash.