

School Year 2026-27 Reimbursement Rates



For the School Breakfast, National School Lunch, Afterschool Snack, Special Milk and State Programs.

School Breakfast Program	
	<u>Regular</u>
Paid	\$0.42
Reduced-Price	\$2.24
Free	\$2.54
	<u>Severe Need*</u>
Paid	\$0.42
Reduced-Price	\$2.75
Free	\$3.05
*Severe need breakfast rates are available only to those schools that served 40 percent or more free and reduced-price lunches during the 2024-25 school year.	
Afterschool Snack Program	
Paid	\$0.12
Reduced-Price	\$0.65
Free	\$1.30
State Programs – Breakfast	
Start Smart	
Reduced-Price	\$0.30
Healthy School Meals for All (HSMA)*	
Paid	\$2.12
*Will only apply to qualifying sponsors that opt-in to HSMA.	

National School Lunch Program	
	<u>Regular</u>
Paid	\$0.54
Reduced-Price	\$4.45
Free	\$4.85
	<u>Two Cent Differential*</u>
Paid	\$0.56
Reduced-Price	\$4.47
Free	\$4.87
*Two Cent Differential lunch rates are only for those school food authorities that served, on a district-wide basis, 60 percent or more free and reduced-price lunches during the 2024-25 school year.	
Special Milk Program	
Paid	\$0.28
Free Milk	Average cost per ½ pint
State Programs – Lunch	
Lunch Protection	
Reduced-Price	\$0.40
Healthy School Meals for All (HSMA)*	
Paid	\$4.31
*Will only apply to qualifying sponsors that opt-in to HSMA.	

Notes

The lunch reimbursement rates include the additional performance-based **\$0.09** reimbursement (7 CFR parts 210 and 220). All Sponsors in Colorado receive the additional \$0.09, except for any new Sponsors not yet certified for the new meal patterns.

Where to Learn More

[How to Claim webpage](#)

[USDA Rates of Reimbursement website](#)

[State Programs Reimbursement fact sheet](#)



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