

School-Based Child Nutrition Programs Rates of Reimbursement
Effective July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

National School Lunch Program				
	Less Than 60%	Less Than 60% + 6 Cents**	60% or More*	60% or More* + 6 Cents**
Paid	\$0.31	\$0.37	\$0.33	\$0.39
Reduced-Price	\$2.91	\$2.97	\$2.93	\$2.99
Free	\$3.31	\$3.37	\$3.33	\$3.39

The maximum price a sponsor can charge for a student reduced-price lunch is \$.40.

* The higher rate of reimbursement for lunch (60% or more) applies if 60% or more of the lunches served by an SFA during the second preceding school year were served free or at a reduced price.

** Additional 6 cents requires a one-time [menu certification](#)

School Breakfast Program			
	Non-Severe Need	Severe Need *	
Paid	\$0.31	\$0.31	
Reduced-Price	\$1.49	\$1.84	
Free	\$1.79	\$2.14	

The maximum price a sponsor can charge for a student reduced-price breakfast is \$.30.

* The higher rate of reimbursement for breakfast (Severe-Need) applies if 40% or more of the lunches served at the site in the second preceding school year were served free or at a reduced price.

Special Milk Program			
	All Milk	Paid Milk	Free Milk
Pricing Program Without Free Option and Nonpricing Programs	\$0.2050		
Pricing Program With Free Option		\$0.2050	Average cost per ½ pint milk

After-School Snacks in After-School Care Programs		
	Paid	\$0.08
	Reduced-Price	\$0.45
	Free	\$0.91

The maximum price a sponsor can charge for a student reduced-price after-school snack is \$.15.

Food Distribution Program
Planned Assistance Level (PAL) for NSLP = \$0.3425 (per lunch rate of \$0.2350 PLUS the 12% provision dollars for NSLP)

Illinois Free Breakfast and Lunch Programs
\$0.04 per each free breakfast and/or lunch

A la Carte Equivalency Factor - for use in FSMC/Vendor contracts
(Federal free lunch reimbursement (less than 60% + 6 cents) plus PAL plus Illinois free lunch reimbursement)
SY2018-2019 Contract - \$3.6525
SY2019-2020 Contract - \$3.7525