

School-Based Child Nutrition Programs Rates of Reimbursement
Effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

National School Lunch Program					
		Less Than 60%	Less Than 60% + 8 Cents**	60% or More*	60% or More* + 8 Cents**
	Paid	\$0.40	\$0.48	\$0.42	\$0.50
	Reduced-Price	\$3.85	\$3.93	\$3.87	\$3.95
	Free	\$4.25	\$4.33	\$4.27	\$4.35

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 8 cents requires a one-time [menu certification](#)

School Breakfast Program			
		Non-Severe Need	Severe Need *
	Paid	\$0.38	\$0.38
	Reduced-Price	\$1.98	\$2.43
	Free	\$2.28	\$2.73

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	\$0.2625		
Pricing Program With Free Option		\$0.2625	Average cost per ½ pint milk

After-School Snacks in After-School Care Programs		
	Paid	\$0.10
	Reduced-Price	\$0.58
	Free	\$1.17

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 = \$0.365 (per lunch rate of \$0.295 PLUS the 12% provision dollars and the \$20M breakfast 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
Effective SY20-21 Federal free lunch reimbursement (more than 60% + 8 cents) plus PAL plus Illinois free lunch reimbursement
SY2023-2024 Contract – \$4.88
SY2024-2025 Contract – \$4.755