

Nutrition Program Bulletin – Week of August 1, 2022

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School Nutrition Programs (SNP)

Free, Reduced-Price and Paid Meals and Kindergarten Breakfasts for School Year (SY) 2022-23

In SY 2022-23, students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals will continue to receive meals at no charge. Students who do not qualify for free or reduced-price meals must be charged the full paid student meal price set by your school or district. Breakfasts provided to paid kindergarten students must also be provided at no charge. This is due to the reimbursement for these meals is designed to cover the entire cost of the meal.

In addition, schools will need to count and claim all meals by free, reduced-price, and paid eligibility status. This means if a student qualifies for reduced-price meal benefits, the school will provide the meal free of charge to the student but still claim the meal in Cyber-Linked Interactive Child Nutrition System (CLiCS) as a reduced-price meal.

Adult Meal Pricing Requirements for School Year 2022-23

Minimum Prices for Meals Served to Adults and Other Non-Program Meals

School Nutrition Programs funds may not subsidize meals served to adults or other non-program meals, such as second meals. The meal price must cover the full cost of the meal. Meals may be provided at no charge only to “program” adults, as defined in [Prohibition on Subsidizing Meals for Non-Program Adults](#). The required minimum meal prices for adults for SY2022-23 are:

- Breakfast: \$2.25
- Lunch: \$4.95

The calculation is based on the current year’s State and Federal reimbursement rates plus the national average per meal value of U.S. Department of Agriculture Foods. Sponsors contracting with a Vended Meal Provider or Food Service Management Company may need to adjust upwards in order to cover the full cost of the meal.

Tuesday@2: Talk to MDE