

Resource Management

Adult Meal Pricing Requirements for School Year 2026-27

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 be set high enough so that the cost of the meal is fully paid by the customer. Meals may be provided at no charge only to “program” adults, as defined in the document [Ensuring Financial Compliance for Nonprogram Foods](#).

The required minimum meal prices for adults for School Year (SY) 2026-27 are listed below. The calculation is based on the state and federal reimbursement rates plus the national average per meal value of U.S. Department of Agriculture Foods, rounded up to the nearest five cents. Sponsors contracting with a vended meal provider or food service management company may need to adjust upwards to cover the full cost of the meal.

Minimum Adult Prices for School Year 2026-27

Breakfast: \$2.55

Lunch: \$5.30

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