DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Free School Meals for Kids Program

On Friday, March 17, 2023, Governor Walz signed the Free School Meals bill into law. This will take effect with the July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 school year. This legislation provides the reimbursement for a free breakfast and lunch to students who receive meals through their school's participation in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP). Schools that participate in the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National School Lunch Program (NSLP) must now participate in the state funded Free School Meals Program.

• Free School Meals FAQ - 7/11/23 Regularly Updated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for the Free School Meals Program.