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Fwd: Adult Meal Prices Released

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Good Morning,

MDE just released the minimum adult meal prices for SY 2022-23 in the Nutrition Program Bulletin on 8-3-22. Minimum adult breakfast charge set at \$2.25 and lunch set at \$4.95. Please share this information with your Business Office Manager and/or Superintendent.

The Bulletin also reminds us that free/reduced students receive free breakfast and lunch, along with kindergarten students receiving free breakfast meals. Please refer to the bulletin for more information.



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

The Tuesday@2 will be offered in a new revised format for the 2022-23 school year. School Nutrition Program staff will provide 30 minutes of training followed by a question and answer session for you to ask any program-related questions. We are kicking off the school year with two sessions in August and then once a month during the school year on the second Tuesday of each month. Session descriptions and registration links will be announced in the Nutrition Program Bulletin on a quarterly basis. For more immediate program questions between monthly Tuesday@2 sessions, continue to use [Contact Us](#) or email mde.fns@state.mn.us.

- August 16, 2022, at 2 p.m. – [Keep Kids Fed Act and Back to School Updates](#)
- August 30, 2022, at 2 p.m. – [Tips for Approving Applications for Educational Benefits](#)
- **CORRECTION** September 13, 2022, at 2 p.m. – [Transitional Meal Pattern Requirements](#)
- **CORRECTION** October 11, 2022, at 2 p.m. – [Verification Reporting and MARSS Error Warning Report for Direct Certification](#)

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