



Meal Pricing and Non-Program Foods

Adult Meal Pricing Requirements for School Year 2023-24

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 [Prohibition on Subsidizing Meals for Non-Program Adults](#) on the School Nutrition Programs Financial Management webpage of the Minnesota Department of Education website).

The required minimum meal prices for adults for SY2023-24 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 in order to cover the full cost of the meal.

Minimum Adult Prices for School Year 2023-24

Breakfast: **\$2.25**

Lunch: **\$4.95**