
Staff meal prices and guidance on offering second meals requirements

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Good Morning - Below you will find guidance provided Kelliher School regarding staff meal prices; the requirement of offering second meals to students; and resources to use when asking families to fill out the educational benefits form. You all may have received this information directly from MDE, but there have been a lot of questions regarding it, so wanted to make sure every one received the same guidance. I'm sure MDE will have this info out in a bulletin soon as well. (Very possible I missed it as I've been on vacation for a couple days.) Any question, let me know. -Karyn

From MDE:

The SY25-26 adult meal prices are \$2.50/meal for breakfast and \$5.05/meal for lunch.

State regulation updates went into effect on July 1st, 2025. A second breakfast and/or a second lunch is considered a non-program food and must be priced at the adult meal rate. Second entrees are also non-program foods and must be priced at a point that ensures the full cost of the second entrée is covered so that program meal reimbursement is not supplementing its costs. I recommend reviewing the follow document on our MDE Resource Management webpage - [Ensuring Financial Compliance for Nonprogram Foods](#).

Regarding the meal applications - [Fill the Form](#) was just updated on the MDE website with some helpful documents for the applications!

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns!

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Thank you for the info! Does the updated State regulation require second *entree* offering only or require us to offer full second meals? I'm not seeing the requirement to offer seconds specifics but may have missed it. - From Kelliher School

The updates require second meals but I included information on second entrees for pricing purposes only as it differs between second meals and second entrees – if you offer second entrees as well.

Thank you!

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