



## D.C. Everest Area School District

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### MISSION STATEMENT

D.C. Everest Area School District, in partnership with the community, is committed to being an innovative educational leader in developing knowledgeable, productive, caring, creative, responsible individuals prepared to meet the challenges of an ever-changing global society.

# Memorandum

**To:** Kelley Strike, Assistant Superintendent of Operations

**From:** Laticia Baudhuin, Director of School Nutrition

**Date:** 6/12/2025

**Re:** School Meal Prices

I am proposing the following meal prices for 2025-26. As a comparison, I've included the current year's meal prices.

### 2024-25

### Proposed Changes 2025-26

	Breakfast	Lunch		Breakfast	Lunch
Elementary	\$1.50	\$2.00	Elementary	\$1.60	\$2.25
Middle School	\$1.50	\$2.15	Middle School	\$1.60	\$2.45
Junior High/Idea School	\$1.50	\$2.20	Junior High/Idea School	\$1.60	\$2.50
Senior High	\$1.55	\$2.35	Senior High	\$1.65	\$2.65
Reduced	Free	\$0.40	Reduced	Free	\$0.40
Adult	\$2.65	\$4.75	Adult	\$3.05	\$5.35
Milk	\$0.45	\$0.45	Milk	\$0.50	\$0.50

### Proposed Meal Price Increases

To support the continued success of our school nutrition program and maintain a balanced budget, I am recommending a modest increase in meal prices for the 2025–26 school year:

- **Breakfast:** \$0.10 increase for paid-status students
- **Lunch:** Approximately 12.5% increase for paid-status student lunches and all adult meals (rounded up to the nearest \$0.05)
- **Milk:** \$0.05 increase per carton

Over the past five years, the cost of operating our program has risen significantly. While we last increased prices in the 2023–24 school year, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) recommends an annual increase of at least \$0.10 for lunch prices to keep pace with rising costs.

Despite these challenges, we have consistently operated a successful and financially responsible school meals program. Our current student lunch price remains the lowest among the 60 districts in our cooperative—between \$0.85 and \$0.93 below the mean. Similarly, our breakfast prices are still \$0.18 to \$0.36 below the average.

We take pride in our efforts to do more with less in order to keep meals affordable for DCE families. However, this adjustment is necessary to ensure the long-term sustainability of the program and to continue providing high-quality meals to our students and staff.