

Proposal to Increase Lunch Prices for SY 2014-15

As a sponsor of the National School Lunch & Breakfast Program, we are required to review our student ‘paid lunch’ prices to stay in compliance with Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) requirement. The PLE requirement, as a component of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA), is to “fill the gap” between the cost of production for a paid lunch and the price charged for a paid meal, without relying on federal funding designated for free and reduced-price meals.

Our most recent required PLE increase in lunch prices was 2 years ago for SY 2011-12 when we raised our paid lunch price from \$2.00 to \$2.25. To stay in compliance for SY 2014-15, we must increase our lunch price again.

After reviewing nearby school districts paid meal prices, we suggest increasing our paid lunch price to \$2.50 keeping us: 1. in compliance with the PLE requirement, 2. comparable to other school districts in our area and 3. financially secure.

| School District | Student Price | | Adult Price | |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| | Lunch | Breakfast | Lunch | Breakfast |
| MUHS | \$2.25 | \$1.50 | \$3.00 | \$2.00 |
| COCSD Middle School | \$2.35 | \$1.50 | \$3.00 | \$2.00 |
| Camp Verde High School | \$2.75 | \$1.50 | \$3.50 | \$2.25 |
| Sedona High School | \$2.90 | \$1.50 | \$3.25 | \$3.25 |
| Flagstaff HS | \$2.70 | \$1.70 | \$3.70 | \$2.15 |
| Humboldt High School* | 2.45 (\$2.75) | \$1.25 | 2.90(\$3.25) | \$1.75 |
| Prescott High School | 2.25 (\$2.50) | \$1.25 | \$3.00 | \$1.50 |
| Payson High School | \$2.50 | \$1.75 | \$1.90 | \$2.90 |

*Proposed increase for SY2014-15

The HHFKA requires greater amounts of fresh fruits and vegetables in the new meal pattern which has increased the costs of both breakfast and lunch making the price increase also necessary.

In addition, along with an increase in paid student lunch prices, we also suggest that we increase the adult prices for both breakfast and lunch to \$2.25 and \$3.25 respectively, to cover the actual costs of meals.

*Data compiled by Pamela Iose, Nutrition Services Director
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