

# School Year 2025-26 Reimbursement Rates



For the School Breakfast, National School Lunch, Afterschool Snack, Special Milk and State Programs.

## School Breakfast Program

	<u>Regular</u>
Paid	\$0.40
Reduced-Price	\$2.16
Free	\$2.46
	<u>Severe Need*</u>
Paid	\$0.40
Reduced-Price	\$2.64
Free	\$2.94

*\*Severe need breakfast rates are available only to those schools that served 40 percent or more free and reduced-price lunches during the SY 2023-24.*

## Afterschool Snack Program

Paid	\$0.11
Reduced-Price	\$0.63
Free	\$1.26

## State Programs – Breakfast

Start Smart	
Reduced-Price	\$0.30
Healthy School Meals for All (HSMA)*	
Paid	\$2.06

*\*Will only apply to qualifying sponsors that opt-in to HSMA.*

## National School Lunch Program

	<u>Regular</u>
Paid	\$0.53
Reduced-Price	\$4.29
Free	\$4.69
	<u>Two Cent Differential**</u>
Paid	\$0.55
Reduced-Price	\$4.31
Free	\$4.71

*\*\*Two cent differential lunch rates are only for those school food authorities that served, on a district-wide basis, 60 percent or more free and reduced-price lunches during the SY 2023-24.*

## Special Milk Program

Paid	\$0.2675
Free Milk	Average cost per ½ pint

## State Programs – Lunch

Lunch Protection	
Reduced-Price	\$0.40
Healthy School Meals for All (HSMA)*	
Paid	\$4.16

*\*Will only apply to qualifying sponsors that opt-in to HSMA.*

## Notes

The lunch reimbursement rates include the additional performance-based **\$0.09** reimbursement (7 CFR parts 210 and 220). All Sponsors in Colorado receive the additional \$0.09, except for any new Sponsors not yet certified for the new meal patterns.

## Where to Learn More

[How to Claim webpage](#)

[USDA Rates of Reimbursement website](#)

[State Programs Reimbursement fact sheet](#)

[Severe Need Breakfast](#) and [Two Cent Differential](#)



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