

Special Milk Program

Building strong and healthy bodies for the future

Program Overview

The Special Milk Program (SMP) is an underutilized program that provides milk to children in public or nonprofit schools, residential child care institutions, and camps that do not participate in any other Federal child nutrition meal service program. Administered by the Colorado Department of Education Office of School Nutrition, reimbursement is provided from the U.S Department of Agriculture for each half pint of milk served.

Any child at a participating school or half-day pre-kindergarten program can receive milk through the SMP. Children may buy milk or receive it free, depending on the school's choice or program options.

The Federal reimbursement is based on each half pint of milk sold to children. For the latest reimbursement rates visit FNS website at: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/notices/naps/NAPs.htm>.

What can I Serve

Schools or institutions may serve pasteurized fluid types of unflavored or flavored low-fat (1%) or skim milk. These milks must meet all State and local standards. All milk should contain vitamins A and D at levels specified by the Food and Drug Administration.

Where can I learn more?

Additional Resources

- <http://www.cde.state.co.us/nutrition/nutrimilk>
- <http://www.fns.usda.gov/smp/special-milk-program>

How to Apply

- Schools who are interested in applying for the SMP will submit their application during the annual renewal application online. During the renewal application, the district will select SMP for those schools that will be participating in the SMP.
- Camps and institutions who are interested in applying for the SMP should contact the Colorado Department of Education Office of School Nutrition by email. Once in contact with the CDE OSN, an application will be provided.
- Questions to consider
 - Who will participate in the SMP?
 - When and where will the SMP operate?
 - How will the milk inventory be tracked?
 - Who will enter the monthly SMP claim?

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