COLORADO DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

Special Milk Program (SMP)

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The Special Milk Program is available to schools that do not have any other federally funded meal program or to children in the district's half-day pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs where children do not have access to the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Program.

Operating the SMP

There are three options available when operating the Special Milk Program.

Pricing Program

Pricing Program means a program that sells milk to children. This shall include any such program in which maximum use is made of program reimbursement payments in lowering or reducing to "zero" whenever possible the price per half pint which children would normally pay for milk per 7CFR§215.2(t).

Option 1: Operating a pricing program <u>with</u> free milk.

Children who are not eligible to receive their milk at no charge must purchase the milk (children eligible for reduced price meals do not receive their milk free). Sponsors are reimbursed at the *paid* rate for half pints of milk served to children who pay for their milk. Sponsors are reimbursed for the *actual weighted cost* of the milk served to children eligible to receive free milk.

Option 2: Operate a pricing program <u>without</u> free milk

Sponsors receive only the *paid* rate of reimbursement; there is no free reimbursement rate.

Non-Pricing Program

Non-Pricing Program means a program which does not sell milk to children. This shall include any such program in which children are normally provided milk, along with food and other services, in a school or childcare institution financed by a tuition, boarding, camping or other fee, or by private donations or endowments per 7CFR§215.2(p).

Option 3: Operate a non-pricing program

Under this option, only the *paid* rate of reimbursement may be claimed. All enrolled children, of appropriate ages, are served free milk and the school absorbs any additional cost beyond the current reimbursement rate of *$0.2050*.

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District / Agency: _____ District No. _____

Please indicate which Special Milk Program option the above named sponsor agency agrees to participate in: (Check one)

1) _____ **Pricing Program (with free milk)** - Serves milk free to all children meeting the free eligibility guidelines; all other children pay for their milk.

2) _____ **Pricing Program** - All children pay for their milk.

3) _____ **Non-pricing Program** - Provide free milk to all children regardless of income eligibility.

List all schools and check type of program participating in the Special Milk Program:

School Name	**Type Of Program**		
	Pre-Kindergarten	*Split Session Kindergarten*	*No other federally funded meal program*

The sponsor assures the Colorado Department of Education Office of School Nutrition that milk served under the Special Milk Program will be the same for and served in the same manner to all children wishing to participate in the program in all schools/locations in which the program is offered and that the milk shall be provided without physical segregation or discrimination against any child because of race, sex, color, national origin, or disability.

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Signature of District Official Title Date

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Printed Name of District Official Date