



Pricing Adult Meals

Adult meal prices must be reviewed annually and need to be sufficient to cover all costs for producing the meal. Student payments, federal or state reimbursements or other program revenues cannot be used to subsidize meals served to adults. Please use the [Adult Meal Pricing Tool](#) to check your current prices and for future pricing.

School Food Service Employees:

Meals served to cafeteria employees, directly involved in the operation and administration of the breakfast and lunch programs (e.g., managers, cooks, servers, etc.), may be served at no charge and considered as a fringe benefit attributable to program costs. It is at the discretion of the local school district to charge food service employees for their meal; the cost of these cafeteria employee meals may be paid from program funds.

Other School District Employees and Adult Visitor Meals:

The benefits of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs are provided for meals served to students only; federal or state reimbursement and USDA foods received by schools are based on the number of lunches served to students. No reimbursement or USDA foods are provided for meals served to adults. If meals are included to district staff members, as a fringe benefit or as part of the salary arrangement, the school district must provide a general fund transfer to cover this expense. All adult meals must be tracked and an audit trail must be documented. The adult portion size should be the same as a student portion; if portion size is increased for adults, the price should be adjusted accordingly to cover all costs.

Minimum prices charged for an adult meal should be determined using one of the two methods provided:

Method #1 (recommended for pricing sites)		<i>Example</i>
Enter your highest paid <u>student price</u>		\$ 2.7500
Enter current paid lunch reimbursement rate	\$ 0.3100	\$ 0.3100
Enter current USDA food value	\$ 0.3350	\$ 0.3350
Performance reimbursement rate (6 cent)	\$ 0.0600	\$ 0.0600
<i>Sub-total</i>	\$ 0.71	\$ 3.46
<i>Suggested adult lunch price (rounded up to the nearest \$.05)</i>	\$ 0.75	\$ 3.50

Or

Method #2 (recommended for non-pricing sites)		<i>Example</i>
Enter current free lunch reimbursement rate	\$ 3.2300	\$ 3.2300
Enter current USDA food value	\$ 0.3350	\$ 0.3350
Performance reimbursement rate (6 cent)	\$ 0.0600	\$ 0.0600
<i>Sub-total</i>	\$ 3.63	\$ 3.63
<i>Suggested adult lunch price (rounded up to the nearest \$.05)</i>	\$ 3.65	\$ 3.65

SY17-18 reimbursement rates are reflected in examples

Where can I learn more?

- Visit the Office of School Nutrition [Adult Meal Pricing](#) and [Financial](#) webpages.
- [Visit the Institute of Child Nutrition Financial Management webpage.](#)

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