



ADULT MEAL PRICES SCHOOL  
YEAR 2023-2024

Revenue from the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs cannot be used to subsidize adult meals. The purpose of federal assistance is to provide nutritious meals to school children to safeguard their health and well-being.

If the school district subsidizes meals for teachers, administrators, custodians and other adults, the subsidy should be identified as an employee benefit and revenue source in the school foodservice budget.

The cost of meals served to adults directly involved in the operation and administration of the School Nutrition Programs (those preparing and serving food) may be supported by the foodservice operation. **Any meal served to an adult (whether supported by the foodservice or not) may not be claimed for reimbursement or counted toward the USDA Foods entitlement.**

The adult lunch price is required to be at least the total of the federal reimbursement for free students plus value of USDA Foods, plus state match. The adult breakfast price uses only the federal free reimbursement rate.

	Adult Lunch Price	Adult Breakfast Price
Federal Free Reimbursement	\$4.2500	\$2.28
Value of USDA Foods	\$0.3650	
State Match	\$0.0585	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4.6735</b>	<b>\$2.28</b>

Prices are based on portions sizes served to children. If larger portions are served to adults, the meal should be priced according to cost.

The price of adult meals may be lower than the recommended reimbursement price noted above. If not using the recommended adult price as noted above, school/sponsor must maintain documented meal costs on file. Schools/sponsors must add revenue back into their non-profit Food Service fund covering the total costs of adult meals (including food, labor, and non-food supplies). This can be done by either charging the adult the full cost of the meal or by adding revenue from another funding source (such as the school general fund). If a school district decides to subsidize meals for teachers, administrators, custodians and other adults, the subsidy should be identified as an employee benefit and as a source of revenue in the School Foodservice fund.

For questions, please contact School Nutrition Programs at 406-444-2501.

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