

What is the Special Milk Program?

The Special Milk Program provides milk at a free or discounted price to children at schools that are not participating in any other School Nutrition Program or to kindergarten or preschool children who do not have access to your Lunch or Breakfast Programs.

The Special Milk Program is an easy way to provide part of a healthful snack or meal to students. The paperwork for this program is minimal and easy to complete.

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The Benefits of Milk

Healthy, well-fed children build healthy habits, are better able to perform in school, and enjoy fewer sick days. One cup of milk provides important nutrients that all children need to grow healthy and strong—calcium, vitamins A&D, riboflavin, and protein.



Program Options for Reimbursement (pick one)

Pricing Program with Free Option

With this option your school will be reimbursed the full price paid for half -pints of milk provided to qualifying participants.

You must collect free and reduced-price school meal applications from families to check income eligibility for free milk.

Non-Pricing Program

With this option, milk is served at no cost to students. Your school will receive partial reimbursement for each half-pint of milk served. The school will cover the remaining expense.

You will not collect free and reduced-price school meal applications from families or collect money for milk.

Reimbursement

Once you have picked a Program Option (listed above) you will receive reimbursement from the USDA for each half-pint of milk served based on that option. You must submit a claim at the end of each month to receive reimbursement. Federal reimbursement must be used to offer milk to all students at no cost or at a discounted price. Children may buy milk or receive it free, depending on the school's pricing program.

Milk Options

To be reimbursed, your school must serve milk that meets the USDA and Montana standards for the Special Milk Program. You must use fluid, pasteurized milk. Low-fat regular or flavored milk, and skim regular or flavored milk, are acceptable options for this program.