



ADULT MEAL PRICES SCHOOL YEAR
 2024-2025

Non-Program Adult Meal Pricing:

Adult meal prices are set at a local level and must be reviewed annually to ensure they are set high enough to cover all costs for producing the meal.

OPI School Nutrition Programs provides and recommends the following price for districts to set for adult meals (to ensure they are compliant and covering the overall cost of adult meals).

	Adult Lunch Price	Adult Breakfast Price
Federal Free Reimbursement	\$4.45	\$2.84
Performance Based Reimbursement	\$0.09	
Value of USDA Foods	\$0.45	
Total	\$4.99	\$2.84

School Food Authorities (SFAs) may alternatively use the SY2024-25 [Adult Meal Pricing Tool](#) to set adult meal prices. Schools may set the adult meal price according to the SFAs documented meal costs are maintained on file. If cost data are not available, the minimum adult payment should reflect the price charged to students paying the school’s designated full price, plus the current value of federal cash and donated food assistance (entitlement and bonus) for full price meals. In non-pricing programs, the adult charge should be at least the amount of reimbursement received for a free lunch under Section 4 and 11 of the National School Lunch Act, plus the per-meal value of both entitlement and bonus donated foods, or for breakfasts, the rate established for free meals under Section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act, plus the value of bonus commodities.

Nonprofit School Food Service Fund and Adult Meal Payments:

Revenue from the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs (student payments, federal or state reimbursements or other program revenues) cannot be used to subsidize adult meals ([FNS Instruction 782-5 Rev. 1](#)). The purpose of federal assistance is to provide nutritious meals to school children to safeguard their health and well-being. However, schools are welcome to sell meals to adults if the overall cost of non-program adult meals is being collected back into the Non-Profit School Food Service Account (NSFSA) to cover the overall costs of adult meals.

SFA must ensure that revenue is added into the NSFSA from either the adult payment, nonfederal funds (like the district’s general fund), or a combination of both. If the district covers any staff meals, as a fringe benefit or as part of the salary arrangement, the school district must add revenue from general fund (or other non-federal funds) into the Non-Profit School Food Service Account (NSFSA) to cover the adult meal costs. All adult meals must be tracked, and documentation kept for audits.

Under subsection 12(q) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and [7 CFR 210.14\(f\)](#), SFAs are required to ensure:

- All revenue from the sale of nonprogram foods accrues to the non-profit school food service account; and
- Revenue available to support the production of reimbursable school meals does not subsidize the sale of

nonprogram foods.

Nonprogram foods include any non-reimbursable foods and beverages purchased using funds from the nonprofit school food service account. This encompasses all foods sold in schools as well as adult meals, foods sold outside of school hours, or any foods used for catering or vending activities.

Program Adult:

Meals served to school food service program adults may, at the discretion of the school food authority, be furnished at no charge. These meals are a program benefit, and their cost may be fully attributed to and supported by the nonprofit food service operation. Meals served to any adult may not be claimed for reimbursement or counted towards the donated foods entitlement. The determination of individuals, positions involved, and the degree to which their services are attributed to the nonprofit food service program operations is left to state and local officials.

OPI SNP provides guidance for defining Program adults as being directly involved in the operation and administration of the School Nutrition Programs (i.e., food service directors, cooks, servers, cashiers taking meal counts in the cafeteria for entire meal service or lunch period, etc.) and has completed or is working to complete required annual USDA school nutrition professional standard training hours.

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

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