

Pricing Worksheet for A La Carte Sales in the School Nutrition Programs

A la carte pricing applies to all foods and beverages sold separately from reimbursable meals in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) [National School Lunch Program \(NSLP\)](#), [School Breakfast Program \(SBP\)](#) and separately from reimbursable afterschool snacks in the [Afterschool Snack Program \(ASP\)](#) of the NSLP. A la carte prices must cover the cost of producing the item such as food cost, labor, and indirect costs. A la carte pricing should not create an incentive for students to choose a la carte items because the price is less than a reimbursable meal.

School food authorities (SFAs) should use this form to determine the correct pricing of a la carte items to meet their desired food cost percentage. The food cost percentage is determined by the school. The price for an a la carte item should be at least the suggested cost percentage but could be higher depending upon the perceived value of the item.

Access CSDE's Pricing Worksheet for A La Carte Sales in the School Nutrition Programs

SFAs may use the CSDE's *Pricing Worksheet for A La Carte Sales in School Nutrition Programs* to determine a la carte pricing.

Click to access the CSDE's [Pricing Worksheet for A La Carte Sales in School Nutrition Programs](#).

How to Use the Worksheets

Complete the yellow fields following the instructions at the top of the worksheet. All other fields calculate automatically.

Questions

For questions regarding this worksheet, please contact the district's CSDE [school nutrition team member](#).

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Resources

[Nonprogram Foods](#) (“Allowable Expenditures” section of CSDE’s Financial Management for School Nutrition Programs webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/financial-management-for-school-nutrition-programs/allowable-expenditures>

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For more information, visit “[Nonprogram Foods](#)” in the “Allowable Expenditures” section of the CSDE’s [Financial Management for School Nutrition Programs](#) webpage or contact the [school nutrition programs staff](#) at the Connecticut State Department of Education, Bureau of Child Nutrition Programs, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 504, Hartford, CT 06103-1841. This document is available at https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/nslp/forms/nonprogram_pricing_a_la_carte_introduction.pdf



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