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**TO:** Sponsors of School Child Nutrition Programs (including the Special Milk Program)

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**SUBJECT:** Operational Memorandum No. 16-22  
Federal Meal Reimbursement Rates for School Year (SY):  
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

This memorandum summarizes the annual adjustments to the federal reimbursement rates for local educational agencies (LEAs) for lunches, breakfasts, afterschool snacks, and milk served to students participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), Afterschool Snack Program (ASP), and Special Milk Program (SMP); and the NSLP reimbursement rate for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) donated foods for SY 2022-23. Temporary funding authorized by the Keep Kids Fed Act (KKFA) of 2022 will provide an additional reimbursement in the amount of 40 cents for each lunch served under the NSLP, and an additional reimbursement in the amount of 15 cents for each breakfast served under the SBP. These additional reimbursement amounts are only available for the school year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending on June 30, 2023.

As published in the Federal Register (FR) ([87 FR 44329](#) and [87 FR 42138](#)), the SY 2022-23 federal meal reimbursement rates are listed below. **The rates listed for the NSLP and SBP include the temporary additional funding provided through the Keep Kids Fed Act of 2022.**

National School Lunch Program (NSLP)		
Meal category	Regular rates	Severe need rates *
Paid	\$ .77	\$ .79
Reduced	\$3.93	\$3.95
Free	\$4.33	\$4.35
* For districts participating in the NSLP with 60 percent or more of the students received lunches free or at the reduced rate during the second prior year. Refer to <a href="#">CSDE Operational Memorandum 15-22, Determining Eligibility for Severe Need Reimbursement for the School Breakfast Program and the Two-cent Differential Reimbursement for the National School Lunch Program in School Year 2022-23.</a>		

<b>School Breakfast Program</b>		
<b>Meal category</b>	<b>Regular rates</b>	<b>Severe need rates *</b>
Paid	\$ .50	\$ .50
Reduced	\$1.96	\$2.37
Free	\$2.26	\$2.67

\* Severe need rates are available to schools where, in the second prior year, 40 percent or more of the students received lunches free or at a reduced price. Refer to [CSDE Operational Memorandum 15-22, Determining Eligibility for Severe Need Reimbursement for the School Breakfast Program and the Two-cent Differential Reimbursement for the National School Lunch Program in School Year 2022-23](#).

<b>Special Milk Program</b>
<b>Rate:</b> \$ .2700 *
* Per half pint. Milk served free of charge to eligible students will be reimbursed at the average cost per half pint of milk.

<b>Afterschool Snack Program</b>	
<b>Meal category</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Paid	\$ .09
Reduced	\$ .54
Free	\$ 1.08

<b>Effective SY 2022-23 NSLP Rate for USDA Foods</b>
<b>Rate:</b> \$ .43
The published per meal rate from the Federal Register is .3000 cents. For the NSLP, the per meal rate (.3000 cents) plus the 12 percent provision dollars and the 20 million breakfast dollars make the effective NSLP rate .43 cents for SY 2022-23.

In addition to the rates above, LEAs certified as meeting the meal pattern and nutrition standard requirements set forth in 7 CFR parts 210 and 220 are eligible to receive performance-based cash assistance for each reimbursable lunch served in the amount of **8 cents per lunch** effective July 1, 2022.

As a reminder, LEAs must set reduced-price charges for lunches, breakfasts, and afterschool snacks at or below the maximum reduced-price allowed by regulations. **These rates cannot exceed 40 cents per lunch, 30 cents per breakfast, and 15 cents for afterschool snacks.**

Questions may be directed to your [CSDE school nutrition consultant](#).

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Important: This is a numbered Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) operational memorandum that contains important program information. Please read carefully and retain for future reference. All CSDE operational memoranda are posted on the CSDE's [Operational Memoranda for School Nutrition Programs](#) webpage.