

2025-2026 SY Reimbursement Rates

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Reimbursement rates for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and Afterschool Snack Program (ASP) for the 2025-26 school year have been released.

	Non- Severe Need Breakfast	Severe Need Breakfast	Non-Safety Net Lunch	Safety Net Lunch	Afterschool Snack
Paid	0.40	0.40	0.44	0.46	0.11
Reduced	2.16	2.64	4.20	4.22	0.63
Free	2.46	2.94	4.60	4.62	1.26

Severe Need Breakfast

Severe need breakfast rates are approved on a by school basis. Districts must apply each year to receive the severe need breakfast rate. Any school in the district that served forty percent (40%) or more *lunches* during the 2023-24 school year at the free or reduced rate receive an additional forty-eight cents (0.48) reimbursement on all *free* and *reduced* priced breakfast claimed during the 2025-26 school year.

Safety Net Lunch

School districts that served sixty percent (60%) or more *lunches* during the 2023-24 school year at the free or reduced rate are designated as “Safety Net” districts and receive an additional two cents (\$0.02) reimbursement for each lunch claimed during the 2025-26 school year.

Performance Based Reimbursement (PBR)

The PBR is an automatic payment for those districts that have completed the meal certification process. The PBR rate is \$0.09 for each reimbursable lunch claimed during the 2025-26 school year. The additional PBR will be included in each monthly claim.

Afterschool Snack Area Eligible

An afterschool snack program site is *Area Eligible* if it is located at a school where fifty percent (50%) of enrolled students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Area eligible sites will claim all afterschool snacks served at the free rate. Schools that do not qualify for area eligibility must claim students based on their free, reduced, or paid eligibility status.

Information will be released regarding updates to the recommended non-reimbursable meal prices and the meal equivalency for Food Service Management Companies once the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) donated foods value is made available.

If you have any questions, please contact your Area Specialist at 501-324-9502.