



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



**TO:** Sponsors of School Child Nutrition Programs

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**SUBJECT:** **Operational Memorandum #33-15 – REVISED USDA Foods Rate**  
Rates of Reimbursement for School Year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

In addition to the rates below, local education agencies (LEAs) that are **certified for compliance** with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) meal patterns will receive an additional six cents reimbursement per lunch.

National School Lunch Program (NSLP) (State ID 20560 and Federal CFDA No. 10.555)		
Meal Category	Regular Rates	Severe Need Rates *
Paid	\$ .29	\$ .31
Reduced	\$2.67	\$2.69
Free	\$3.07	\$3.09
* In districts participating in the NSLP with 60 percent or more free and reduced participation during the second prior year.		

School Breakfast Program (State ID 20508 and Federal CFDA No. 10.553)		
Meal Category	Regular Rates	Severe Need Rates *
Paid	\$ .29	\$ .29
Reduced	\$1.36	\$1.69
Free	\$1.66	\$1.99
* 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		

Special Milk Program (State ID 20500 and Federal CFDA No. 10.556)		
<b>Rate:</b> \$ .2000 *		
* 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> (State ID included in 20560 and Federal CFDA No. 10.555)	
<b>Meal Category</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Paid	\$ .07
Reduced	\$ .42
Free	\$ .84

<b>Effective USDA Foods Rate</b> (Federal CFDA No. 10.560)
<b>Rate: \$ .3125 Revised</b>

As a reminder, LEAs must set reduced-price charges for lunch, breakfast 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 pertaining to this memorandum may be directed to:

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