



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Sponsors of School Child Nutrition Programs

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SUBJECT: **Operational Memorandum No. 15-17**
Rates of Reimbursement for School Year July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

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) | | |
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| Meal Category | Regular Rates | Severe Need Rates * |
| Paid | \$.31 | \$.33 |
| Reduced | \$2.83 | \$2.85 |
| Free | \$3.23 | \$3.25 |
| * 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) | | |
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| Meal Category | Regular Rates | Severe Need Rates * |
| Paid | \$.30 | \$.30 |
| Reduced | \$1.45 | \$1.79 |
| Free | \$1.75 | \$2.09 |
| * 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) |
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| Rate: \$.2075 * |
| * Per half pint. Milk served free of charge to eligible students will be reimbursed at the average cost per half pint of milk. |

| Afterschool Snack Program (State ID included in 20560 and Federal CFDA No. 10.555) | |
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| Meal Category | Rate |
| Paid | \$.08 |
| Reduced | \$.44 |
| Free | \$.88 |

| Effective USDA Foods Rate (Federal CFDA No. 10.560) |
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| Rate: \$.2325 |

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 may be directed to your school nutrition consultant.

| Consultants for School Nutrition Programs | |
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| County | Consultant |
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