



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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

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**DATE:** July 31, 2018

**SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum No. 11-18**  
Rates of Reimbursement for School Year July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

In addition to the rates below, local educational agencies (LEAs) that are **certified for compliance** with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) meal pattern for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) 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	\$ .31	\$ .33
Reduced	\$2.91	\$2.93
Free	\$3.31	\$3.33
* 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	\$ .31	\$ .31
Reduced	\$1.49	\$1.84
Free	\$1.79	\$2.14
* 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> \$ .2050 *		
* 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	\$ .08
Reduced	\$ .45
Free	\$ .91

<b>Effective USDA Foods Rate</b> (Federal CFDA No. 10.560)
<b>Rate:</b> \$ .235

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.

<b>Consultants for School Nutrition Programs</b>	
<b>County</b>	<b>Consultant</b>
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