

Who decides lunch prices?



The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) established a formula in 2012 for districts to use as a guideline to evaluate meal prices, introduced as part of the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act (HHFKA). Based on that formula, along with other factors such as food and labor costs, your school board determines whether or not to increase meal prices.

The goal of the formula is to ensure that the price students pay for a meal is equitable, or close to what the district receives in Federal and State reimbursements for free meals for students that are eligible based on economic need. USDA's position is that the free reimbursement rate is established to adequately cover all the costs to prepare and serve a school meal. Therefore, the price of a paid meal should fall close to that rate.

The price of a school meal indirectly impacts the prices of food items sold ala carte. Guidelines require that the meal price must be the most economical when purchased as a complete meal, as opposed to each item being sold separately. Therefore, when meal prices increase, it is often necessary to also adjust ala carte prices.

School Lunch is the best Meal Deal anywhere!

Meal Value - A complete meal at a low price! School lunch includes delicious entrées, fresh fruits and vegetables and a full cup of refreshing milk.

Less work

No worries about what to pack!

Convenience

No more forgotten lunch boxes or messy packed lunches

Nutrition

Nutritionally balanced meals that taste great

Variety

Plenty of entrees, fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains and low fat dairy choices

Consistency

School lunch is fresh, fast and easy for you and your child every day

Kids who eat school lunch are healthier!

The Nutrition Group is proud to be your school's food service provider. We have been managing school food service operations since 1975. We are employed by your district to work in partnership with the cafeteria staff to provide nutritious, delicious school meals.

