

Updates from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) School Nutrition Team (SNT)

Adult Meal Pricing for School Year 2021-22

[USDA Policy Memorandum SP 22-2021, Q13](#) includes guidance on adult meal pricing for SY 2021-22 while operating the Seamless Summer Option (SSO). If meals are served to adults including teachers, administrators, custodians, and other adults, School Food Authorities (SFA) must either charge the adults at least the full cost of the meal or use other non-program funds to cover the cost of these meals. Only meals provided to children can be claimed for reimbursement.

Adult meal pricing guidance is found in the [USDA FNS Instruction 782-5 Rev. 1](#). Since students are not charged for meals while operating SSO, the meal programs are considered “non-pricing”. Adult meal pricing is calculated differently using the non-pricing calculation. It is determined by adding the amount of reimbursement received for the meal, plus the per meal value of USDA Foods and State Reimbursement. Since SFAs are receiving the higher Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) reimbursement rates in SY 2021-22, this may result in the need to increase adult meal prices.

The minimum adult meal price for lunch and breakfast for SY 2021-22:

Non-pricing adult lunch price - SFSP lunch reimbursement of \$4.3175 + State Reimbursement of \$.0664 + USDA Foods value of \$.26 = a minimum adult lunch price of \$4.65.

Non-pricing adult breakfast price – SFSP breakfast reimbursement of \$2.4625 + State reimbursement of \$.095 = a minimum adult breakfast price of \$2.56.

All SFAs must meet the above minimum adult meal prices. We understand that the above minimum prices may be significantly higher than you are currently charging and so we are asking that school staff are notified of the increased adult meal price (if applicable) and the school nutrition contract be updated to reflect the adult meal price by December 1, 2021.

Reminder: Meals served to food service employees who are directly involved in the operation and administration of the school nutrition programs may be provided at no charge. As such, the meal cost may be supported by the nonprofit food service account but cannot be claimed for reimbursement or counted towards the donated foods entitlement.