

## Income Guidelines & Reimbursement Rates for the School Breakfast Program

### Income Guidelines for School Year 2007 - 2008<sup>1</sup>

Household Size	Free Meals Maximum Household Income (130% of Poverty)			Reduced-Price Meals Maximum Household Income (185% of Poverty)		
	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$ 13,273	\$ 1,107	\$ 256	\$ 18,889	\$ 1,575	\$ 364
2	17,797	1,484	343	25,327	2,111	488
3	22,321	1,861	430	31,765	2,648	611
4	26,845	2,238	517	38,203	3,184	735
5	31,369	2,615	604	44,641	3,721	859
6	35,893	2,992	691	51,079	4,257	983
7	40,417	3,369	778	57,517	4,794	1,107
8	44,941	3,746	865	63,955	5,330	1,230
Add for each additional	+ 4,524	+ 377	+ 87	+ 6,438	+ 537	+ 124

### Reimbursement Rates for School Year 2007 - 2008<sup>2</sup>

	Non-Severe Need	Severe Need <sup>3</sup>	Price of Meals To Children
Free	\$1.35	\$1.61	\$0
Reduced Price	\$1.05	\$1.31	\$0.30 (maximum school can charge)
Paid	\$0.24	\$0.24	varies

### Income Guidelines for School Year 2008 - 2009<sup>4</sup>

Household Size	Free Meals Maximum Household Income (130% of Poverty)			Reduced-Price Meals Maximum Household Income (185% of Poverty)		
	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$ 13,520	\$ 1,127	\$ 260	\$ 19,240	\$ 1,604	\$ 370
2	18,200	1,517	350	25,900	2,159	499
3	22,880	1,907	440	32,560	2,714	627
4	27,560	2,297	530	39,220	3,269	755
5	32,240	2,687	620	45,880	3,824	883
6	36,920	3,077	710	52,540	4,379	1,011
7	41,600	3,467	800	59,200	4,934	1,139
8	46,280	3,857	890	65,860	5,489	1,267
Add for each additional	+ 4,680	+ 390	+ 90	+ 6,660	+ 555	+ 129

### Reimbursement Rates for School Year 2008 - 2009<sup>5</sup>

	Non-Severe Need	Severe Need	Price of Meals To Children
Free	\$1.40	\$1.68	\$0
Reduced Price	\$1.10	\$1.38	\$0.30 (maximum school can charge)
Paid	\$0.25	\$0.25	varies <sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Federal Register*, Vol. 72, No. 38, 2/27/07, pp. 8685-8688. These guidelines apply to the 48 contiguous United States, the District of Columbia, Guam and the Territories. Alaska and Hawaii have higher maximum income limits.

<sup>2</sup> *Federal Register*, Vol. 72, No. 131, 7/10/07, pp. 37508-37511. These reimbursement rates apply to the 48 contiguous United States, the District of Columbia, Guam and the Territories. Alaska and Hawaii receive higher rates.

<sup>3</sup> Schools where at least 40 percent of the lunches served during the second preceding school year were free or reduced price qualify for extra "severe need" school breakfast reimbursements. New schools may qualify if it is determined that the 40 percent free or reduced price requirement would have been met in the second preceding year [7 C.F.R. 220.9 (d)].

<sup>4</sup> *Federal Register*, Vol. 73, No. 69, 4/09/08, pp. 19186-19187.

<sup>5</sup> *Federal Register*, Vol. 73, No. 130, 7/7/08, pp. 38392-38394.

<sup>6</sup> According to the School Nutrition Association, the 2006-2007 national average for a school lunch was \$1.80 (\$1.66 for elementary schools; \$1.85 for middle schools and \$1.90 for high schools).