

To: Authorized Representatives of National School Lunch Programs

From: Child and Adult Nutrition Services

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Subject: Special Reimbursement Rates

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This memo replaces the previous memo on this topic dated September 7, memo number NSLP-59.1. The purpose of this memo [is to explain the technicalities of qualifying for special reimbursement rates in the National School Lunch Program.

This information should be shared with the person who handles meal reimbursements of special circumstance in the school. Questions about this memo can be referred to a SD Dept. of Education Child and Adult Nutrition Services staff member.

SEVERE NEED BREAKFAST:

Certain schools within a School Food Authority (SFA) may qualify for a higher rate of reduced price and free breakfast reimbursement called "severe need breakfast (SNB)." Eligibility is met if forty (40) percent or more of the lunches served in the SNB school qualified for free or reduced lunches in the second preceding year. Some schools within an SFA may be eligible while others are not. The severe need reimbursement rate is initially requested by the school food authority (SFA) as part of program agreement to the State agency §220.7(a), §220.11(b). It will be applied yearly from that point forward as long as the requirements are met.

SPECIALLY NEEDY LUNCH:

Certain school food authorities may qualify for a higher rate of reimbursement for all lunches served to eligible children (free, reduced price, and paid). If total student lunches served in the second prior year is comprised of 60% or more free and reduced-price student lunches, the extra reimbursement (.02 per meal) is automatically added to the SFAs reimbursement. No extra steps are required to prove costs. This applies to the entire agency rather than site by site.

ALL FREE SNACK:

Schools that serve snack in an outside school time program may be eligible to claim all children's snacks in the free category. If the site where snacks are served is within a school/attendance center area that had at least 50% of the students eligible for free and reduced price meals in the most recent October, the snacks for all participating children would be claimed at the "all free" rate, regardless of the individual child's eligibility for lunch and/or breakfast.

Reimbursement rates are identified annually in the Federal Register.