## **Elizabethtown Independent Schools Nutrition Services**

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To: Elizabethtown Board of Education Kelli Bush, Superintendent

From: Marty Adams, Nutrition Services Coordinator

Subject: Request for Increase in Adult Meal Lunch Prices

I am requesting a price increase for Adult Lunch prices per USDA to go into effect immediately from Lunch cost of \$4.75, which we increased in October hoping to cover the new increase for January, to \$4.85 and this could increase yet again in the next school year due to the cost of food prices.

Breakfast cost will remain at \$3.00

## Reimbursement Rate Increase and Impact on Adult Meal Prices in SSO

On Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup> the USDA issued the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) rates for calendar year 2022 in the Federal Register. Per <u>Nationwide Waiver #86</u>, Seamless Summer Option (SSO) meals will be paid or reimbursed using the SFSP higher rates. However, no severe need or additional .07 cents will be added in SSO. All meals claimed beginning January 1 through the end of the school year will be reimbursed at the new rate.

Reimbursement Rate	Previous rate (beginning of school year until 12/31/2021)	NEW Increased rate (beginning 1/1/2022 until the end of the current school year)		
SFSP (SSO) Breakfast	\$2.46	\$2.61*		
SFSP (SSO) Lunch	\$4.32	\$4.56*		
*Rates are rounded to the nearest penny.				

For SY 21-22, all sponsors operating SSO must at least meet the minimum non-pricing adult meal price as dictated by <u>FNS Instruction 782-5 Rev. 1</u>. Below is the updated minimum required adult meal price using the new, increased rates.

Program Reimbu rsement Rates	Minimu m Adult Meal	NEW Mini mum Adult Meal Price for Breakfast	Previous Minimum Adult Meal Price for Lunch	NEW Minimum Adult Meal Price for Lunch
SSO*	\$2.73 (round \$2.75)	\$2.87 (2.61 +.26*)**	\$4.58 (Rounded \$4.60)	\$4.82 (4.56 + .26*)**

<sup>\*</sup>Value of Donated USDA Foods for SY 21-22; \*\*Calculations use the non-pricing formula of reimbursement rate + value of donated foods (commodities) = minimum price.

All changes are effective immediately as the reimbursement rate increase was effective January 1. For any questions, please contact your SCN Schools Branch Point of Contact.

Attachment: 2022 SFSP Reimbursement Rates (87 FR 1107)

Thank you for your consideration, Marty Adams Nutrition Services Director