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## MEAL PRICES

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**STUDENT MEAL PRICES**

Student prices for meals regulated under the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs shall be determined after considering current meal costs, any known or predicted increases in meal costs, and Federal and State reimbursements paid for each meal category (free or full-price). It is the intention of the School Committee that prices be set at a rate that a family could reasonably afford.

The Superintendent shall recommend any changes in student meal prices annually for the following school year.

The School Committee shall establish the student meal prices based upon the recommendations of the Superintendent and Director of Food Services. Should there be a significant change in reimbursement rates or other factors during the ensuing year, the Committee may further adjust meal prices upon the recommendations of the Superintendent and Director of Food Services.

For the 2022-2024 school year, student meal prices will be free per Maine LD 1679 “An Act to Address Student Hunger Through Expanding Access to Free School Meals”:

<b>Full Price</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>
Elementary Schools	free	free
Middle Schools	free	free
High School	free	free
Milk	\$0.65	\$0.65

**A LA CARTE PRICES**

A la carte shall be established by the Director of Food Services, subject to the approval of the Superintendent, after considering the actual food cost of each item and total a la carte costs. Charges for each item shall be set at a rate the students can reasonably afford but will allow the profit necessary to balance the overall food services budget so that local appropriations are not necessary to meet total food service cost. A la carte items are not included in Maine LD 1679.

**ADULT MEAL PRICES**

Adult meal prices shall be established by the Director of Food Services, subject to the approval of the Superintendent, in accordance with State policy, which requires charging the total cost of the meal plus the value of United States Department of Agriculture donated commodities.

For the 2022-2024 school year, the adult meal prices shall be:

<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>
\$4.60	\$2.35

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