



Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) News from the Michigan Department of Education

August 15, 2024

Adult Pricing Guide for School Year 2024-2025 and Enhanced A la Carte and Catering Pricing Worksheet

The Fiscal Monitoring Team is pleased to announce the availability of the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) Adult Pricing Guide for School Year (SY) 2024-2025 and an enhanced version of the A la Carte and Catering Pricing Worksheet. The Adult Pricing Guide is updated with the new National School Lunch Program (NSLP) reimbursement rates for SY 2024-2025.

The A la Carte and Catering Pricing Worksheet has been enhanced to better capture catering pricing and to highlight the need for conducting the non-program revenue ratio calculations to assess compliance. This is an area that MDE sees that needs improvement for School Food Authorities (SFAs).

SFAs should complete the MDE A la Carte and Catering Pricing Worksheet and use the MDE Adult Pricing Guide every summer, prior to the first day of the new school year, to ensure A la Carte, Catering, and Adult prices are set appropriately to achieve compliance for the Revenue from Non-program Foods pricing requirements ([SP20-2016](#)).

The updated MDE Adult Pricing Guide for SY 2024-2025 and the enhanced MDE A la Carte and Catering Pricing Worksheet can be found at [Resource Management](#) under the [Revenue from Non-Program Foods](#) section.

Please contact the Fiscal Monitoring Team at 517-241-5380 or MDE-Fiscal@Michigan.gov with any questions on the worksheet, guide, and/or requirements.

Public Comment Period: Interim Final Rule, Establishing the Summer EBT Program and Rural Non-Congregate Option in the Summer Meal Programs

On December 29, 2023, Food and Nutrition Service published an interim final rule, [Establishing the Summer EBT Program and Rural Non-congregate Option in the Summer Meal Programs](#). This rule codified the permanent rural non-congregate summer meal service for both the Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch Program's Seamless Summer Option, as well as created the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children Program (Summer EBT). The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) welcomes public comments until **August 27, 2024**, via: • **The Federal eRulemaking Portal**. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. • **Mail**: Send comments to Community Meals Policy Division, USDA Food and Nutrition Service, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314.

All comments submitted will be included in the record and will be made available to the public. Please be advised that the substance of the comments and the identity of the individuals or entities submitting the comments will be subject to public disclosure. The Food and Nutrition Service will make the comments publicly available via <https://www.regulations.gov>.

10 Cents a Meal for Michigan's Kids and Farms Program/Application Training

Registration is now available for 2024-2025 program year training, including hands-on application assistance. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required.

Join us for a workshop to learn how 10 Cents a Meal works, how to source local produce, and what is needed to participate. Bring your laptop if you would like help with completing your application during the session, or just bring your questions.

August 20 – Flint, MI- <https://forms.office.com/g/zSDQVTpGXr> 2-4 pm Genesee ISD Erwin L. Davis Education Center 2413 W Maple Ave Flint, MI

August 22 – Macomb- <https://forms.office.com/g/BxTUnesU5Q> 2-4 pm Macomb ISD Education Service Center 44001 Garfield Road Clinton Township, MI

August 26 – Kalamazoo- <https://forms.office.com/g/LqXV5RPXCY> 2-4 pm
Kalamazoo Valley Community College Culinary and Allied Health Building 418 E
Walnut St Kalamazoo, MI

August 29 – Lansing- <https://forms.office.com/g/j3wSDKfYTb> 2-4 pm Allen
Neighborhood Center 1611 E Kalamazoo St Lansing, MI

September 4 – Gwinn- <https://forms.office.com/g/iR3ASZG3xB> 2-4 pm Gwinn
High School 50 W State Highway M35 Gwinn MI

September 5 – Traverse City- <https://forms.office.com/g/9h2Y1qXfbn> 2-4 pm
Northwest Education Services Conference Center 1101 Red Drive Traverse City,
MI

September 10 – Bay City- <https://forms.office.com/g/H9VwBRiXbq> 2-4 pm Bay-
Arenac ISD 4228 Two Mile Rd. Bay City, MI

September 12 – Muskegon- <https://forms.office.com/g/888Jm55U4C> 2-4 pm
Muskegon Area Career Tech Center 200 Harvey Muskegon, MI

Turnip the Beet 2024

The Meet Up and Eat Up Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Turnip the Beet Award recognizes outstanding SFSP sponsors across Michigan who work hard to offer high quality meals that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious during the summer months. Three award levels are available: Bronze, Silver, and Gold and are open to all sponsors.

The Turnip the Beet nominations (form, menu, and supporting documents) are due by Thursday, September 5, 2024, via email to MDE-SFSP@Michigan.gov.

Winners will be notified by the Michigan Department of Education in early 2025.

System Access Help

The Michigan Department of Education's Office of Nutrition Services is currently experiencing a transition with staff. Please be advised that responses to any system and/or access related questions may be delayed.

In the meantime, you may be able to find the answer(s) you need on our website.

- If you are unsure of what system you need access to, you can find a summary of each of the systems and what they do [HERE](#).
- If you need step by step instructions for getting access to a system, you can find instructions [HERE](#).
- You can find ALL of the system help documents [HERE](#).

The new mailbox for all system and access related questions is MDE-ONS-Access@michigan.gov.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday @ 2

Topic: SNP: Point of Service

Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Time: 2-2:30 pm

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

Or Telephone:

USA 404 443 6397

USA 8773361831 (US Toll Free)

Conference Code: 806533

Town Hall

Date: September 4, 2024

Time: 2-3 pm

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android

Or Telephone:

USA 214 765 0479

USA 8882780296 (US Toll Free)

Conference Code: 354950

Tuesday @ 2

Topic: Direct Certification

Date: Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Time: 2-2:30 pm

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

Or Telephone:
USA 404 443 6397
USA 8773361831 (US Toll Free)
Conference Code: 806533

Tuesday @ 2

Topic: Local Foods and Farm to School Procurement

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Time: 2-2:30 pm

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android

Or Telephone:
USA 404 443 6397
USA 8773361831 (US Toll Free)
Conference Code: 806533

Tuesday @ 2

Topic: SNP: Summer EBT

Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Time: 2-2:30 pm

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android

Or Telephone:
USA 404 443 6397
USA 8773361831 (US Toll Free)
Conference Code: 806533



Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What do I do if my SFSP site closes early?

Answer: In NexSys, update the SFSP Site Calendar and uncheck the dates that are no longer in operation for meal service. Do not **inactivate** the site. The calendar is linked to the claim and if the site is

inactivated, it will not appear in the SFSP claim for reimbursable meals.

Question: Since all public schools have free meals again this year, does it matter how meals are counted?

Answer: Yes, it does! Counting meals at the point of service is still very important in Child Nutrition Programs. Staff must ensure that meals include the correct meal components and food items for a reimbursable meal. Non-Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Schools count meals and claim meals by individual student benefit. Methods to use include student name, roster, PIN and/or student ID. CEP Schools count meals and claim them by total meals served for the meal type. Using an electronic Point of Service is best practice for both CEP and Non-CEP schools.

Contact Us

Email: MDE-SchoolNutrition@Michigan.gov

If you or someone you know is interested in receiving the Child Nutrition Programs News and Updates and Bulletins, visit [Child Nutrition Programs News and Updates Subscription](#).

Support

School Nutrition Programs

www.michigan.gov/schoolnutrition

Email: MDE-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov

Summer Food Service Program

www.michigan.gov/sfsp

Email: mde-sfsp@michigan.gov

Child and Adult Care Food Program

www.michigan.gov/cacfp

Email: mde-cacfp@michigan.gov

Food Distribution

www.michigan.gov/mde-fdp

Email: mde-fmfd@michigan.gov

Fiscal and Administrative Services

www.michigan.gov/mde-fast

Email: MDE-Fiscal@michigan.gov

Procurement and Contracts

www.michigan.gov/mde-foodservicecontracts

Email: mde-fsmc-vended@michigan.gov

School Health and Safety

www.michigan.gov/cshsp

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1. **mail:**
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:**
Program.Intake@usda.gov

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