



School Nutrition Programs

Important Updates

July Claim Entry Delay

The entry of the July 2025 claims for CACFP will be delayed. Claims will be open for entry in CNPweb once the new cash-in-lieu rates are announced.

Direct Certification (DC) is Now Available

DC lists are now available for July. IDOE is aware of an issue that prevents all students from populating into the New Matches list and an issue that prevents multiple lists from downloading. Please follow these instructions until the issues are resolved:

- 1. Navigate to "Review New Matches."
- 2. Click "Download New Matches." This list will contain only a fraction of your total number of DC students.
- 3. Navigate to the "Search Approved Students" option.
- 4. Click the "Download Year to Date Matches" button.
- 5. Enter a date range of 7/1/2025 to today's date.
- 6. Click "Download." This list will contain all of the students that have been identified as DC for school year (SY) 2025-2026 so far.

Having issues uploading DC spreadsheets to your point of sale (POS) or student information system (SIS)? Please contact the software company for guidance. IDOE cannot assist with local software issues. Issues and questions related to DC functionality within CNPweb can be submitted to the [CNPweb Help Form](#).

Program Year (PY) 2026 Reimbursement Rates

On Thursday, July 24, USDA released the PY 2026 Reimbursement Rates. Reimbursement rates can be found in the [Federal Register](#). Updated reimbursement rates and adult meal pricing resources from IDOE are forthcoming. Be aware of the updated adult meal pricing guidance sent in May, which is also in the below announcement.

Adult Meal Pricing Guidance

Breakfast and lunch served to adults under the School Nutrition Programs must be priced so that the adult payment is sufficient to cover the overall cost of the meal, including the value of any USDA entitlement and bonus donated foods used to prepare the meal. Beginning SY 2025-2026, School Food Authorities (SFA) are allowed to use the previous school year's reimbursement rates to set adult meal pricing for the following year if pricing was approved by the school board (or equivalent) prior to the newest reimbursement rates being released\*. If adult pricing has not been reviewed and board approved until after the new school year's reimbursement rates are released, then the newer rates should be used when determining the adult meal price.

Review updated guidance, frequently asked questions, and pricing formulas on the [Determining Meal Prices for Adults fact sheet](#). Once SY 2025-2026 reimbursement rates are released by USDA (typically in July), the pricing formulas will be updated to match the more current rates.

*\*The PY 2026 reimbursement rates were released on Thursday, July 24. If adult meal prices using last year's reimbursement rates were not board approved **before** July 24, 2025, the local adult meal price must meet adult meal pricing requirements using the PY 2026 reimbursement rates.*

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Additional Resources

- [School Nutrition Programs Calendar](#)
- [IDOE's Nutrition Webpage](#)
- [CNPweb](#)

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