

Paid Lunch Equity (PLE)



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- **WHEN AND HOW DO I CALCULATE MY PAID LUNCH EQUITY REQUIREMENT?**
- **CAN WE APPLY FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM THE PLE REQUIREMENT?**

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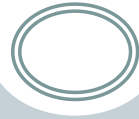
Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

- Increase prices charged for “paid” lunches, or
- Provide other non-Federal sources to the nonprofit school food service account

Calculation of the Paid Lunch Equity

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| • SY 16-17 | \$2.78 |
| • SY 17-18 | \$2.86 |
| • SY 18-19 | \$2.92 |
| • SY 19-20 | \$3.00 |
| • SY20-21 | \$3.09 |

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- SFAs must use the USDA PLE Tool to calculate their required Paid Lunch Price for the 2020 - 2021 school year. (The only exception is if your schools weighted average price is at or above the target price of \$3.09. If this is the case you can send an email to SCNFinance@doe.in.gov letting us know your schools weighted price for the 2020-2021 school year.(Please put your school number and school name in the emails subject line and reference PLE tool)
- Please be sure to send your completed PLE tool as an excel file to SCNFinance@doe.in.gov

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SFAs need the following data to complete the SY 2020 – 2021 PLE Tool:

- SY 2019-2020 Unrounded Price Requirement from the SY 2019-2020 USDA PLE Tool
- All paid lunch prices at each site for SY 2019-2020
- Number of paid lunches served associated with each paid lunch price from your October 2019 claim

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The SY 2020-21 PLE Tool consists of 8 tabs:

Hyperlinks are also placed throughout the tool to navigate to the different tabs. Only the tabs for the method selected to meet the PLE requirement have to be completed.

- Tab 1: [Instructions](#)
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** The tabs (SY 19-20 and SY 10-11 Price Calculators) are for use as needed*

- You will start on the Annual Unrounded Requirement Finder tab
- Choose the next option (tabs 3-5) based on how you want to meet the requirement

Enter School Corp Number and Name

SFA NAME:

Enter your School Food Authority Number and School Name in this cell

Step 1

Enter the SY 2019-20 Unrounded Price Requirement in the box below	SY 2020-21 Weighted Average Price Requirement
<i>This is found in Section 1: Box A of the SY 2019-20 REPORT from the SY 2019-20 tool or below (Price 2)</i>	Requirement price to the nearest cent
	\$ -
<i>Note: Above prices are based on adjusting SY 2019-20 price requirement by the 2% rate increase plus the Consumer Price Index (2.94%)</i>	

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Unrounded Requirement Finder - Step 1



Step 1

**Price requirement
(unrounded) from SY
2019-2020 PLE Tool**

Enter the SY 2019-20 Unrounded Price Requirement in the box below	SY 2020-21 Weighted Average Price Requirement
<i>This is found in Section 1: Box A of the SY 2019-20 REPORT from the SY 2019-20 tool or below (Price 2)</i>	Requirement price to the nearest cent
\$ 2.52	\$ 2.64
<i>Note: Above prices are based on adjusting SY 2019-20 price requirement by the 2% rate increase plus the Consumer Price Index (2.94%)</i>	

Price Calculator Tab



SFA NAME:

4444 Anywhere School District

SY 2020-21 Price Adjustment Calculator

[Go to Instructions](#)

SY 2020-21 Weighted Average Price Requirement	
Requirement price to the nearest cent	<i>Optional price requirement</i> ROUNDED DOWN to nearest 5 cent
\$ 2.64	\$ 2.60
<i>Note: Above prices are based on adjusting SY 2019-20 price requirement by the 2% rate increase plus the Consumer Price Index (2.94%)</i>	

Weighted Average Price Calculator (Step 2)



SY 2019-20 Weighted Average Price Calculator				
Enter the paid prices and number of paid lunches sold at each price for October 2019.				
	Monthly # of Paid Lunches	Paid Lunch Price	Monthly Revenue	SY 2019-20 Weighted Average Price
1.	1,422	\$ 2.30	\$ 3,270.60	
2.	2,104	\$ 2.45	\$ 5,154.80	
3.			\$ -	
4.			\$ -	
5.			\$ -	
6.			\$ -	
7.			\$ -	
8.			\$ -	
9.			\$ -	
10.			\$ -	
TOTAL	3,526		\$ 8,425.40	\$ 2.39

Note: SY 2019-20 Weighted Average Price equal to or above the target price of \$3.09 are compliant for SY 2020-21. \$3.09 is the difference between the Free and Paid reimbursement rates for SY 2019-20.

Current Weighted Average Price

Total Price Increase for SY 2020-21	
\$	0.21
Required price increase for SY 2020-21 (with 10 cent cap)	
\$	2.49

Step 3



Pricing Estimation Calculator

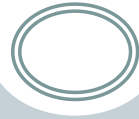
Below is a tool allowing users to manipulate prices to achieve the required new weighted average price.

	Monthly # of Paid Lunches	Paid Lunch Price	Monthly Revenue	Weighted Average Price
1.	1,422	\$ 2.40	\$ 3,412.80	
2.	2,104	\$ 2.55	\$ 5,365.20	
3.			\$ -	
4.			\$ -	
5.			\$ -	
6.			\$ -	
7.			\$ -	
8.			\$ -	
9.			\$ -	
10.			\$ -	
TOTAL	3,526		\$ 8,778.00	\$ 2.49

New Weighted Average Price

2.49

PLE Exemptions



- A PLE Exemption, if approved by the State Agency, allows a school meeting pre-determined criteria, an exemption from the PLE Pricing requirements. This means the school will not have to raise paid lunch prices for that year.
- Congress determines whether to allow exemptions each year and the State Agency has the authority to approve or deny the requests based on multiple factors.

PLE Exemptions SY 2020-2021



- The only requirement to qualify for the PLE Exemption for SY 2020-21 is if your food service account balance was zero or positive (in other words, not negative) as of December 31, 2019 (set by Congress).
- Schools may apply for the Exemption by completing the PLE Exemption form and submitting it to IDOE along with supporting documentation showing your food service account balance as of December 31, 2019.
- Email this to: SCNFinance@doe.in.gov
- Your school is not considered approved for the Exemption until you receive an email notification from IDOE stating it has been approved.

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