# SCNP Memo #2024-2025-06

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TO: Directors, Supervisors, and Contact Persons Addressed

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## SUBJECT: School Year 2024–2025 School Nutrition Program and Child and Adult Care Food Program Reimbursement Rates and Increased Fiscal Year 2025–2026 State Funding for Breakfast Incentive Payments

### School Year 2024–2025 Reimbursement Rates

The chart below details the federal reimbursement rates for school year 2024–2025 for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the School Breakfast Program (SBP), the Afterschool Snack Program (ASP), the Special Milk Program (SMP), and the At-Risk Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The rates are updated annually and are effective July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025.

| **Meal Type** | **Category** | **Free** | **Reduced-Price** | | **Paid** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| SBP | Severe Need | $2.84 | $2.54 | | $0.39 |
| SBP | Non-Severe Need | $2.37 | $2.07 | | $0.39 |
| NSLP | 60% or more | $4.45 | $4.05 | | $0.44 |
| NSLP | Less than 60% | $4.43 | $4.03 | | $0.42 |
| N/A | Federal Performance-Based Reimbursement | $0.09 | $0.09 | | $0.09 |
| ASP | N/A | $1.21 | $0.60 | | $0.11 |
| SMP | N/A | $0.27 | $0.27 | | $0.27 |
| At-Risk  CACFP | Breakfast | $2.37 | | N/A | N/A |
| At-Risk CACFP | Lunch/Supper | $4.43 | | N/A | N/A |
| At-Risk CACFP | Snack | $1.21 | | N/A | N/A |

Please note that the Cash in Lieu portion of the USDA Foods reimbursement rate has not yet been published. This information will be provided when it is made available from the Federal Register.

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Breakfast Incentive Payments

The General Assembly appropriated $2.4 million and $2.7 million general funds for fiscal year (FY) 2025 and FY 2026, respectively, **to increase the reimbursement rate for school breakfasts from $0.22 to $0.28 per breakfast meal served above the base year number**. These funds are to continue a state-funded incentive program to maximize federal school nutrition revenues and increase student participation in the SBP.

Incentive funds are available to any public-school division as a reimbursement for breakfast meals served that are in excess of the baseline established by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE). The VDOE is authorized, but not required to reduce this amount proportionately if the actual number of meals to be reimbursed exceeds the number on which this appropriation is based so that this appropriation is not exceeded.

These funds must be credited to the nonprofit school nutrition account and may not be used for any other purpose. Incentives are paid on a semimonthly basis, from January–June. More information for FY 2024 breakfast incentive payments is found in [SCNP Memo #2023-2024-71](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/programs-services/school-operations-support-services/school-nutrition/regulations-memos/director-s-memos-on-nutrition).

A director’s memo will be distributed at the beginning of 2025 with more information on the incentives and payment timeline.

Please note that claims for the current month cannot be submitted until the first day of the following month. A best practice is to submit claims once for the month and within 30 days of the end of the month.

Questions regarding the meal reimbursement rates should be directed to your assigned regional specialist.

Questions regarding the School Breakfast Incentive payment formula should be directed to the Budget Office via email at [doe.budgetoffice@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:doe.budgetoffice@doe.virginia.gov).

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