



Michigan School Meals

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- Fiscal Year 2024 State School Aid Budget included Sec. 30d Universal School Meals
- Meals can be served at no cost to students
- State-Funded Reimbursement Program
- Thank you to the American Heart Association, No Kid Hungry Michigan, the School Nutrition Association of Michigan, the state legislature and Executive Office of Governor Gretchen Whitmer



What is Eligible for Michigan School Meals Reimbursement?

- Meals served in public school districts, public school academies and intermediate school districts
- Meals served to students in:
 - Kindergarten to Grade 12
 - Pre-Kindergarten Great Start Readiness Program (GRSP) or tuition-based 4-year-old preschool classrooms
 - Special Education programs up to age 26



What is Not Eligible for Michigan School Meals Reimbursement?

- Meals served in Nonpublic Schools
- Meals served in GSRP or other preschool programs that are part of Community Based Organization (CBO)
- Meals served to children age 3 and under
 - Starting with SY 2023-2024 meals for children age 3 and under must be claimed in Child and Adult Care Food Program
- Meals served to teachers and staff



What are the Michigan School Meals Program Requirements for Participation?

Program requirements include but are not limited to:

- Must participate in both National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program
- Adopt Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) to maximize federal reimbursement
- Collect relevant family income information
 - Application for Summer EBT and Education Benefit form for Michigan School Meals (traditional F/RP/P schools)
 - Education Benefits Form (CEP schools)

Write off all outstanding student meal negative balances

Program Participation is optional for sponsors



What are the Michigan School Meals Program Recommendations for Participation?

- Participating sponsors are encouraged to offer meals that meet students' dietary restrictions, including:
 - The provision of gluten-free meals, vegetarian meals, vegan meals
 - Upon request, kosher meals, halal meals
 - Meals meeting any allergy restrictions as confirmed by a doctor's note



Payments

- Federal Reimbursement remains the same
 - Reimbursement is based on free, reduced-price, and paid rates as normal
 - or by CEP claiming percentages

• State Reimbursement

- Difference between the free meal federal reimbursement rate and the reduced-price and paid meal federal reimbursement rates
- Example:
 - Free lunch non-severe need rate = \$4.33
 - Reduced price lunch non-severe need rate = \$3.93
 - Paid lunch non-severe need rate = \$0.48
 - $\$4.33 - \$3.93 = \mathbf{\$0.40}$ State payment for each reduced price lunch
 - $\$4.33 - \$0.48 = \mathbf{\$3.85}$ State payment for each paid lunch



Results so far?



10 Cents a Meal for Michigan's Kids and Farms

- All sponsors of Child Nutrition programs
- 10 cents times every meal served last year
- Michigan-grown, minimally processed fruits, vegetables, dry beans
- September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024



10 Cents a Meal Partners



Goals

Invest in Local Purchasing

**Community/Economic
Development**

**Build Farm to Institution
Partnerships**

Provide Education and Marketing



How Does it Work?



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1 - Submit the 10 Cents a Meal Program Application in NexSys.

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2 - Purchase Michigan-grown fruits, vegetables, and dry beans.

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3 - Submit local food invoices for reimbursement throughout the program year.

SLOW

Don't forget to submit required quarterly surveys!

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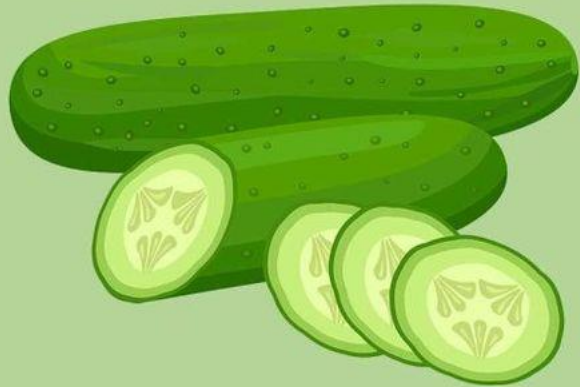
4 - MDE reviews your invoice submissions.

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5 - MDE reimburses 50% of costs for eligible food purchases

CUCUMBER NUTRITION FACTS

Cucumber, with peel, raw



Serving size: 1/2 cup, sliced (52 g)

Calories 8

Calories from Fat 0

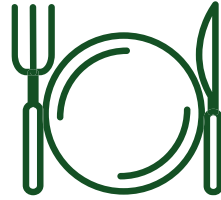
*Percent Daily Values (%DV) are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.

Amt per Serving	%DV*	Amt per Serving	%DV*
Total Fat 0 g	0%	Total Carbohydrate 2 g	1%
Cholesterol 0 mg	0%	Dietary Fiber 0.3 g	1%
Sodium 1 mg	2%	Sugars 0 g	
Protein 0 g			
Vitamin A	1%	Calcium	1%
Vitamin C	2%	Iron	1%

Marketing and Education

- Signs, nutrition facts
- Posters
- Taste testing, farm visits
- Classroom events

It will be easier than ever to participate in the 10 Cents a Meal Program this year!



No meal counts required!

All you have to do is submit your local food invoices.



More technical assistance

The team at MDE is expanding from 1 person to 3 people!



No penalties

There is no penalty if you don't spend your entire grant award.



Vendor partnerships

MDE is working with your food vendors to make sourcing local easier.



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