

**ALABAMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS
2026-2027
FEDERAL CASH REIMBURSEMENT RATE COMPARISON**

7/1/2026 – 6/30/2027

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM	Less than 60% Qualify Free/ Reduced	Less than 60% F/R + 9 cents	60% or more Qualify Free/ Reduced (*Two Cent Differential)	60% or more F/R + 9 cents
Paid	0.45	0.54	0.47	0.56
Reduced Price	4.36	4.45	4.38	4.47
Free	4.76	4.85	4.78	4.87
<i>*SFAs are eligible for the two cent differential if 60 percent or more of the NSLP lunches served in the second preceding school year were at the free or reduced price rate.</i>				
SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM	Non-Severe Need	**Severe Need (Maximum)		
Paid	0.42	0.42		
Reduced Price	2.24	2.75		
Free	2.54	3.05		
<i>**Schools are eligible for severe need breakfast reimbursement rates if 40 percent or more of NSLP lunches served to students at school during the second preceding school year were at the free or reduced price rate.</i>				
AFTERSCHOOL SNACK				
Paying Child	0.12			
Reduced Child	0.65			
Free	1.30			
SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM	All Milk	Paid Milk	Free Milk	
Pricing programs without free option	0.28	N/A	N/A	
Pricing programs with free option	N/A	0.28	Average cost per ½ Pint of Milk	
Non-pricing programs	0.28	N/A	N/A	

Food Distribution Program: Value of Donated Foods = \$.3200