

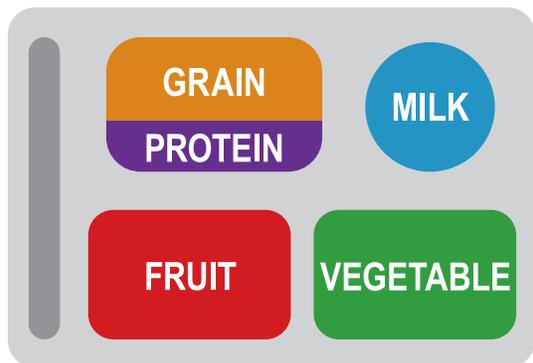
IOWA SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS

The Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act authorized federal funding and established policy for USDA Child Nutrition Programs to provide nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free meals to students each school day.



In all we do, we work to ensure our students are safe, healthy, engaged, and prepared.

The Five Components of a reimbursable lunch



To receive federal reimbursements, school meal programs must offer "reimbursable" meals that meet federal nutrition standards that include a balance of fruits, vegetables, low-fat or fat-free milk, whole grains and lean protein with every meal.

How School Meals Can Benefit Your Students

Academic Benefits

Improved cognitive function
Higher test scores
Better attention spans

Behavior Benefits

Fewer classroom disruptions
Fewer absences
Improved mood

Nutritional Benefits

Reduces food insecurity
Improves dietary intake
Positively impacts health



IOWA SCHOOL NUTRITION FACTS

School Nutrition Staff

- 5,200 staff
- 270 food service directors (18-19 BEDS data)



"Administering school meal programs requires skills in foodservice management, nutrition, culinary and food safety expertise, human resources, financial management, economic analysis, multi-tasking and more."
- School Nutrition Association

Total Meal Served (SY18-19 claims)

Breakfast
16,700,000
meals

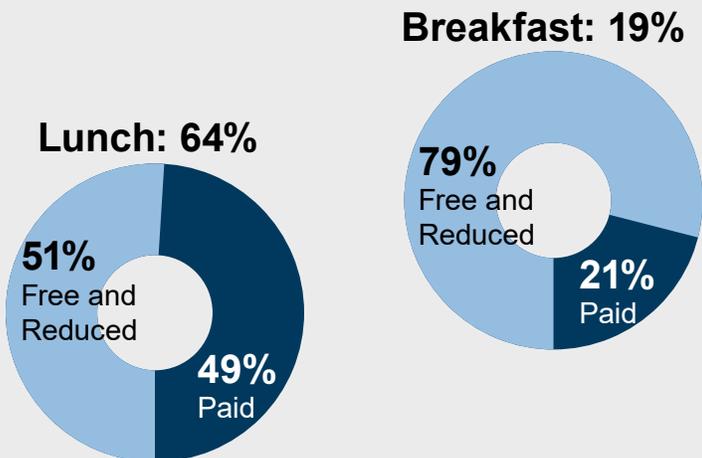
Lunch
60,200,000
meals



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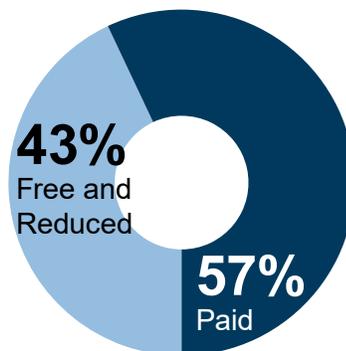
Average Daily Participation

Based on October 2018 Meal
Participation within status report



Iowa ranks 49th in the country for ratio of free and reduced-price students participating in school breakfast per 100 in school lunch.

Student's Eligibility (Public Schools)



Total Meal Reimbursements (SY18-19 claims)



Meal Reimbursement Rates

SY19-20*

Breakfast

- Free: **\$1.84**
- Reduced Price: **\$1.54**
- Paid: **\$0.31**

Lunch

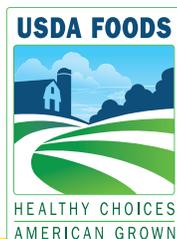
- Free: **\$3.41**
- Reduced Price: **\$3.01**
- Paid: **\$0.32**



*Additional reimbursement is available for nutrition standards compliance, "severe need schools," and state reimbursement for breakfast.

Child Nutrition Programs are to operate as a non-profit by balancing the budget through Federal and State reimbursement, USDA Foods, meal sales, and à la carte sales.

USDA Foods Program



This program supports school meals and American farmers. Schools receive an allocation of USDA foods based on the number of reimbursable lunches served.

SY 18-19 State Allocation

\$21,650,000

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