

School Lunch Program

Waterford-Halfmoon
UFSD

About our program...

The Waterford-Halfmoon UFSD is proud to maintain its own school breakfast and lunch program. Many districts contract this service out to privately owned companies and some of the control of food selection, preparation methods, payment options, and other decisions are lost. Our kitchen staff takes pride in their food preparation and works hard to provide a product that our students will enjoy each day.

Our food program follows all New York State Education Department guidelines as per the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

Program Specifics

Student pricing:

K-6 Full Meal	\$1.25
7-12 Full Meal	\$1.50
Reduced	\$0.25
Ala Carte entree	\$1.00
Milk	\$0.45

Qualifications for Free and Reduced Lunch Program

Meal Categories	Eligibility
Free meals	Income up to 130% of poverty (\$30,615 for a family of 4 annually)
Reduced Price (\$.25) paid by family	Income up to 185% of poverty (\$43,568 for a family of 4 annually)
Full price* paid by family	Income over 185% of poverty (\$43,568 for a family of 4 annually) <small>*varies by school district NOTE: Income levels change annually; this is just a guide.</small>



Components of a meal:

- Grain
 - Protein(meat or meat alternative)
 - Fruit
 - Vegetable
 - Milk
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As per NYS a “full”
meal must include:
3 of the 5 components

*1 of those 3 components must be a fruit

NYS Schools get reimbursed for providing “full” meals.

Reimbursement:	Breakfast:	Lunch:
Free	\$1.8113	\$3.2199
Reduced	\$1.566	\$2.9581
Paid	\$0.2923	\$0.3599

- This reimbursement allows the school to fund the high cost of providing a lunch program

NYS requires that students who are qualified for free or reduced meals **MUST** take a full meal if the school is to be reimbursed for that meal.



If a child on a Free or Reduced program chooses not to take 3 of the 5 components of a “full meal”, the district charges by the ala carte item/pricing.



Pricing examples:

Student 1

Regular price elementary student selects a cheeseburger and milk. Although this is 3 of the 5 components (grain, meat, and milk), student would need at least a fruit or vegetable to qualify as a “full meal.”

Cost goes to ala carte:
\$1.00 for Cheeseburger
\$0.45 for milk
\$1.45 total

Student 2

Regular price elementary student selects a cheeseburger, milk, and fruit. This qualifies as a “full meal” and student is charged the full meal price.

Cost:
\$1.25 for “full meal” selection

Student 3

Free Meal program elementary student selects a cheeseburger and milk and declines anything else. Although this is 3 of 5 components, it must have a fruit or vegetable included. This does not qualify as a “full meal” which is allowable for Free Meal Program. Student is charged for this meal because it does not meet the guidelines for a “free, full meal.”

Cost goes to ala carte:
\$1.00 for cheeseburger
\$0.45 for milk
\$1.45 for total meal cost

Students are encouraged to take a full meal for several reasons:

1. A full meal contains healthy choices such as fruits and vegetables.
2. A full meal helps provide the energy to sustain a student for the rest of the day.
3. A full meal allows the school to be reimbursed for the meal which supports the cost of maintaining our own lunch program.



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guidelines for
school lunch
programs in
NYS can be
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