

SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM



The **Special Milk Program** provides milk to children in schools, residential child care institutions and eligible camps that do not participate in other Federal child nutrition meal service programs. The program reimburses schools and institutions for the milk they serve. Schools in the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs may also participate in the Special Milk Program to provide milk to children in half-day pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs where children do not have access to school meal programs.

How does the Special Milk Program work?

Generally, public or nonprofit private schools of high school grade or under and public or nonprofit private residential child care institutions and eligible camps may participate in the Special Milk Program provided they do not participate in other Federal child nutrition meal service programs, except as noted above.

What types of milk can be offered and what are nutritional requirements of the program?

Schools or institutions must offer only pasteurized fluid types of plain milk (1% or fat free) or flavored milk (fat free only). All milk should contain vitamins A and D at levels specified by the Food and Drug Administration.

How do children qualify for free milk?

Local school officials can decide if they want to charge for milk served or offer free milk to low-income children. When milk is offered for free, any child from a family that meets income guidelines for free meals is eligible. Each child's family must apply annually for free milk eligibility.

How much reimbursement do schools get?

The Federal reimbursement for each half-pint of milk sold to children in School Year 2017-2018 is 20.75 cents. For students who receive their milk free the USDA reimburses schools the net purchase price of the milk. For the latest reimbursement rates visit the Indiana Department of Education Website at:

<https://www.doe.in.gov/nutrition/special-milk>

For More Information About Special Milk Program

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