

School Nutrition Programs

Purpose

CDE's Office of School Nutrition administers nutrition programs in local school districts and charter schools to promote the health and well-being of children. The programs are part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and include:

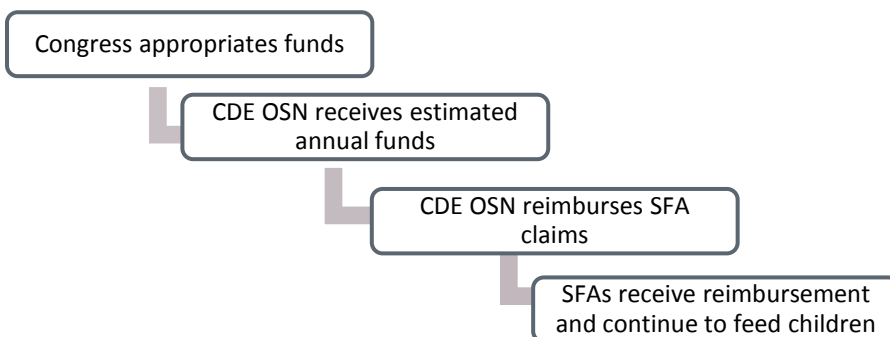
- **National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP):** School meals are planned for students aged 4 through 18 years. The NSLP and SBP can provide more than 50 percent of nutrient intake on school days.
- **Summer Food Service Program, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, Afterschool Snack Program and Special Milk Program:** These programs provide meals and snacks to children at times when the NSLP and SBP are not operating.

All of the child nutrition programs assist children in families with limited resources and food insecurity. The programs provide a safety net to meet nutritional needs. Households with incomes less than 185 percent of the poverty level receive meals and snacks for free or reduced price.

Office of School Nutrition Responsibilities

- Reimburses school food authorities for meals and snacks
- Monitors school food authorities to ensure compliance with state and federal guidelines and regulations
- Provides in-person and online trainings
- Teaches classes and workshops at conferences
- Offers specific technical assistance

Funding for School Nutrition Programs



Programs

Federal Programs

- National School Lunch Program
- School Breakfast Program
- Summer Food Service Program
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
- Afterschool Snack Program
- Special Milk Program

State Programs

- Start Smart Nutrition Program
- Lunch Protection Act
- Breakfast After the Bell

Number of meals served during the 2014-2015 school year:

- Breakfast: 30,187,926
- Lunch: 61,941,165
- Summer meals: 1,522,322

Students in grades preK-12 eligible for free and reduced-price meals:

- **2014-2015 school year:**
 - PreK-12: 889,006
 - Free: 305,362
 - Reduced Price: 64,419
 - Paid: 519,225
- **2015-2016 school year:**
 - PreK-12: 899,112
 - Free: 309,995
 - Reduced Price: 66,083
 - Paid: 523,034

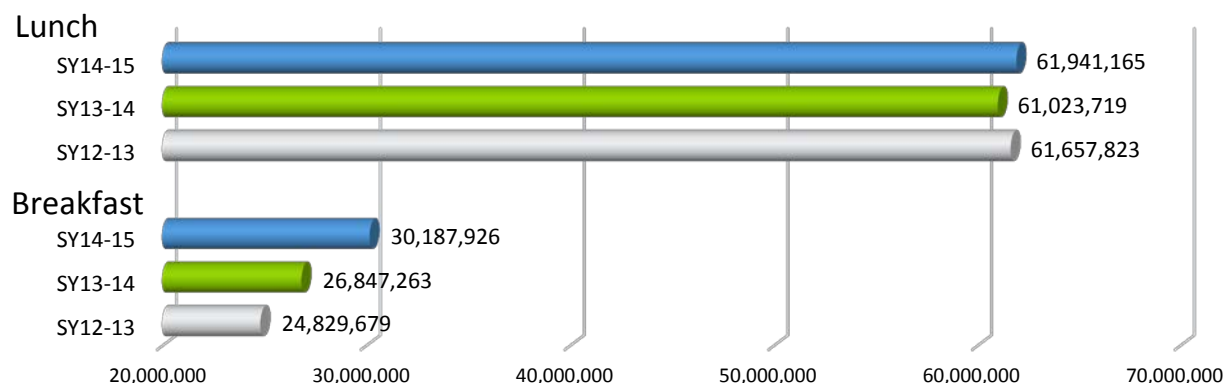
Statistics

State and Federal Reimbursement School Year '14-15			
School Year '15 July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015	Federal Reimbursement	State Reimbursement	Total Reimbursement
Breakfast	\$ 46,666,979.64	\$ 957,150.90	\$ 47,624,130.54
Lunch	\$ 128,482,039.70	\$ 1,503,544.00	\$ 129,985,583.70
Milk	\$ 72,606.17		\$ 72,606.17
Snack	\$ 1,009,372.99		\$ 1,009,372.99
Summer Food Service Program	\$ 4,592,893.74		\$ 4,592,893.74
Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program	\$ 2,670,324.52		\$ 2,670,324.52
State Match		\$ 2,472,644.00	\$ 2,472,644.00
Total	\$ 183,494,216.76	\$ 4,933,338.90	\$ 188,427,555.66

Note: charts do not include Office of School Nutrition administrative funds

Meals Served School Year '14-15				
School Year '15 July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015	Free Meals served	Reduced-price Meals served	Paid Meals served	Total Meals served
Breakfast	20,703,360	3,190,503	6,294,063	30,187,926
Lunch	34,125,652	6,335,687	21,479,826	61,941,165
Milk	15,045		294,345	309,390
Snack	1,223,383	4,605	61,584	1,289,572
Summer Food Service Program				1,522,322
Total	56,067,440	9,530,795	28,129,818	95,250,375

Total Meal Count Comparison



Where can I learn more?

- To learn more about the CDE Office of School Nutrition, visit www.cde.state.co.us/nutrition
- To view all CDE fact sheets, visit: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/Communications/factsheetsandfaq>

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