



2016-17 Updates

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2016-17 Meal Prices

Breakfast - \$ 1.55 all cafes

Lunch - \$ 2.60 MAM

2.65 EJD &

JCB



BREAKFAST

Did you know that we serve hot breakfast daily?

We also have fresh fruit, milk, cereal, juice and healthy snack options available daily for breakfast.

All students are welcome!

Start your day with a full stomach so that you can concentrate & absorb information.

Q & A

Q: Do you receive money from our local taxes?

A: We DO NOT receive local tax dollars.

Q: The government subsidizes your program. Why can't prices stay low?

A: Like any business, we have to buy food, pay staff, etc. without losing money. We do receive Federal & NYS money for each complete student meal - 29 cents for breakfast and 43 cents for lunch. That's it! We sell snacks and cater district events to help cover our costs.

Q: Don't you receive free government food?

A: Nothing is FREE. The USDA allows us a specific amount of USDA food based on the number of students that we serve. We pay fees for this food. It is a complicated process & difficult to explain in a few words.

Q: It doesn't cost schools a lot to buy food, paper, etc., does it?

A: I wish it was cheaper! We are part of an Oswego County buying group that helps us to keep costs down, however, items are still expensive, just like at home. Milk, produce, meat & bread have all become more expensive due to the weather, increase in need, etc. Fresh fruit and whole grains are not cheap.

Q: Why can't you leave the National School Meal program (NSLP) like other districts have?

A: Some districts with low poverty rates are leaving the program to prevent further debt. Our poverty rate is too high for us to use this option. We would operate at a loss, and we need to be able to support ourselves.

Q: Can we feed ALL students for free like some other districts are?

A: I wish we could. We cannot afford the Community Eligibility Option (CEO) either. Our poverty rate is not high enough. We would operate at a loss.

Q: What happens when the School Nutrition Dept. loses money?

A: When a Nutrition Dept. loses money the District picks up the cost. As you know, districts don't have a lot of money to help. **We need to stay in the black.**

As you can see...we fall between the cracks. Raising our prices ensures that we can continue to serve fresh fruits and veggies that the kids like and keep favorites that we may have had to eliminate otherwise. Thank you for your time & for supporting the Phoenix Nutrition Dept.

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