

Alternate Meal Policy Chart

Eligibility	Child Brings Money or Medium of Exchange	Child Loses, Forgets or Does Not Bring Money/or Medium of Exchange	Federal and/or State Law	Practice	How to Claim Reimbursement
Free	Not Applicable	Reimbursable meal offered <b>(child cannot be denied a reimbursable meal or receive an alternate meal)</b>	EC §§ 49550, 49552, and 49553  SB 250	All children eligible for free meals receive at least one nutritionally adequate meal	Reimbursable as Free
Reduced-Price	Not applicable - there is no charge for reduced-price meals	Reimbursable meal offered <b>(child cannot be denied a reimbursable meal or receive an alternate meal)</b>	EC § 49550  EC § 49557(c)  USDA SP 17-2014  USDA SP 23-2017  USDA SP 29-2017	All children eligible for reduced-price meals receive at least one nutritionally adequate meal	Reimbursable as Reduced-Price
Full-Price (Paid)	Reimbursable meal provided	If the child <u>has not</u> exceeded the charge limit, offer a reimbursable meal. If the child <u>has</u> exceeded the charge limit, offer an alternate meal (reimbursable)  Consider other alternatives (e.g., refer continuing incidents to school social worker, declaring them income eligible with appropriate documentation to support change in eligibility)	EC § 49557(b)  EC § 49557(c)  USDA SP 17-2014  USDA SP 23-2017  USDA SP 29-2017	Notify households of nonpayment  Allow child to charge up to 2 meals. If the child has reached the charge limit, offer an alternate meal.  Encourage prepayment  Follow District's collection procedures	Reimbursable as Paid, if a reimbursable or alternate reimbursable meal is offered  <b>NOTE:</b> If the District declares a child's eligibility has changed and he/she is now eligible for free or reduced-price meals, refer to free or reduced-price categories in this chart