







A Comparison of Special Milk Program and Wisconsin School Day Milk Program

For School Food Authorities (SFAs) participating in the federal National School Lunch Program (NSLP)

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How is the program funded?	SMP is a federally funded, USDA nutrition program. Participation is the SFA's decision.	WSDMP is a state funded program. Participation is SFA's decision.
Which students can participate?	<p><i>Half-day session Kindergarten and Pre-K enrolled students</i> Milk is served only if children do not have access to breakfast and/or lunch.</p> <p>Children as young as one year old are eligible if they are enrolled in a daycare that is located in a school building with higher grade levels. The daycare must be administered by the SFA. The children <i>cannot</i> have access to breakfast and/or lunch. Infants are not eligible.</p>	<p><i>Grades Pre-K -5</i> Milk is served only to children in Pre-K through Grade 5 who qualify for free or reduced price meals. Milk served to children participating in the federal SMP may not be claimed under this program. Milk served during the school's breakfast or lunch periods may not be claimed (double subsidy is not permitted).</p>
What kind of milk can be served?	<p>Pasteurized fluid milk meeting state and local standards, having vitamins A and D at levels specified by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).</p> <p><u>Milk Requirements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 year old: Unflavored whole milk must be served. • 2-5 years old (not yet in kindergarten): Unflavored low-fat (1%) or fat-free (skim) milk is permitted. Flavored milk is <i>not</i> permitted for children two through five years old in a pre-K setting. Students enrolled in kindergarten that are five years old may follow the NSLP milk requirements, which allows for fat-free (skim) or low-fat (1%) flavored or unflavored milk. • 6 years old and older: Flavored or unflavored fat-free (skim) or low-fat (1%) milk is permitted. <p>Federal procurement (purchasing) requirements must be followed.</p>	<p>Wisconsin-produced whole, 2%, 1.5% low-fat (1%), 0.5% or fat-free (skim) white or chocolate milk meeting state standards may be offered.</p> <p>Milk procurement documentation should include language requesting Wisconsin-produced milk.</p>
How should my SFA accommodate special dietary needs?	Milk substitutions for the fluid milk requirement must be made for students with a <u>signed medical statement</u> ¹ from a licensed medical practitioner. Accommodations for requests for milk substitutions signed by parents or non-licensed medical providers may be made at the school's discretion. Schools that choose to honor non-disability requests must offer a substitution that is nutritionally equivalent to cow's milk, per SP 07-2010, and must be approved by Department of Public Instruction (DPI) prior to service. Note: lactose-free milk can be served without prior approval from DPI.	Written documentation should be on file that the individual student is allergic to milk or has a metabolic disorder or other condition that prohibits the consumption of milk. Juice is the only acceptable and claimable substitute for the WSDMP. Juice should be 100% full strength juice and in an 8 fl oz portion.

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What will my SFA receive reimbursements for?	<p>Reimbursement is limited to only kindergarten and pre-K children who do not participate in other federal nutrition programs (NSLP and/or SBP). Milk is claimed in half-pint (8 fl oz) portions. More than one half-pint (8 fl oz) portion may be claimed per student per day.</p> <p>SFAs have three program options to choose from:</p> <p>A. Pricing Program with Free Milk Option: Provide free milk to students from families meeting the federally established family size income levels for free meals or Direct Certification eligibility for a free milk.</p> <p>Those receiving free milk are claimed as free and reimbursed at the net dairy cost. All others are claimed as 'paid' and reimbursed at the federally established rate. Eligible participants whose family members qualify for reduced price meals are charged for milk and claimed as 'paid'. There is no 'reduced' benefit in the SMP.</p> <p>If operating this plan, the point of service count must be taken by student name.</p> <p>B. Pricing Program without Free Milk Option: All students are charged the same rate for milk and are claimed as 'paid' on the claim for reimbursement and reimbursed at the federally established rate. The reimbursement rate should be utilized to keep the milk cost low to households.</p> <p>The following calculation is recommended for pricing programs:</p> $\frac{1}{2} \text{ pint cost } \$___ + 2\text{-}5\text{¢} - \text{reimbursement } \$___ = \$___ \frac{1}{2} \text{ pint price} \times 180 \text{ days} = \$___ \text{ annual charge.}$ <p>C. Nonpricing Program: Provide milk free of charge to all eligible participants, or include milk in tuition, fees, or through a private donation or endowment. While no students are charged, all students are claimed as 'paid' on the reimbursement claim and reimbursed at the federally established rate.</p>	<p>Reimbursement may be claimed only for children meeting the federal income eligibility standard for a free or reduced price lunch. Only one half-pint (8 fl oz) of milk or juice (as a milk substitute for a disability) per student per school day may be claimed. No cost can be charged to the students (free and reduced) for the cost of milk (or juice). Students not qualifying for free or reduced meals (those of paid meal status) <u>cannot</u> be claimed in the WSDMP but can and should be offered milk at the same time as those claimed in the WSDMP, as all students must be treated equitably and the anonymity of those receiving free and reduced milk must be protected.</p> <p>The SFA may choose to offer free milk to all students, but only claim for reimbursement the milk served to the free and reduced eligible students. If the SFA offers milk for free to all students, the milk cost for those of 'paid' status must be covered by funds outside of the food service account and included on the the Nonprogram Food Revenue Ratio Tool.</p> <p>To determine the cost per half-pint, divide the total dollar cost of all milk purchased during one month by the number of half-pints of milk purchased.</p> <p>The intention is to reimburse the full cost of the free and reduced eligible student milks served. However, the reimbursement that schools receive varies from year to year and is dependent on the state funding available and the state wide participation rate. Reference the annual State Aid Payments memo located on the DPI School Nutrition Financial Management website for the most recent year's actual reimbursement rate.</p>

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How and when does my SFA submit the claims for reimbursement?	Reimbursement claims are submitted monthly by SFAs via Online Services ² and are paid by DPI monthly.	One annual claim for reimbursement is to be filed online via Online Services ² by August 31, following the year for which the claim applies. A lump sum, fair-share payment will be made to the participating SFA in the following school year, typically in early spring.
How does my SFA apply?	SFAs can apply for the SMP at any time through the online School Nutrition Program Contract for NSLP accessed via Online Services ² .	SFAs can apply for the WSDMP by completing a paper Application Agreement/Policy Statement Wisconsin School Day Milk Program (PI-1464) ³ and submitting it to the DPI School Nutrition Team. The SFA then must note participation in the WSDMP in the online School Nutrition Program Contract accessed via Online Services ² . Completion of a new paper application from year to year is not required. However, if programming details change considerably, an updated agreement should be submitted for review and approval.
Where can my SFA find more information?	Special Milk Program ⁴ webpage	Wisconsin School Day Milk Program webpage ⁵ Wisconsin School Day Milk Program Frequently Asked Questions ⁵

¹ <https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/pdf/medical-statement.pdf>

² <http://dpi.wi.gov/nutrition/online-services>

³ <https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/forms/pdf/f1464.pdf>

⁴ <https://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/milk-programs/special-milk>

⁵ <https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/pdf/WSDMP-FAQ.pdf>



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