

How to Determine Meal Equivalency

Turning the total
cash sales into a
number of meals

Formula (used in Option A and Cost Reimbursable contracts)

- Free Reimbursement Rate + Additional Performance Based Rate + USDA Donated Food Value = Meal Equivalency Rate

For the current year it is:

- Free reimbursement is \$4.33 or \$4.35 (depending on if you are a safety net district)
- Performance based reimbursement (PBR) is \$.08 per meal
- Donated food value is \$.30 per lunch meal
- $4.35 + $.08 + $.30 = \$ 4.73$ (\$ 4.71 for non safety net districts)

NOTE: We don't know the meal equivalency rate for next year until the reimbursement rates and PBR come out in July 2023.

Rates will be published in a Commissioner's memo at that time. The meal equivalency rate will be calculated and published.

