

## **Meal Equivalent Factor (MEF)**

*This rate shall be used for calculating meal equivalencies for all Food Service Management Company (FSMC) and Vendor contracts effective School Year (SY) 2022-2023 and later.*

### **Purpose**

The Meal Equivalent Factor (MEF) is used when calculating the number of meal equivalents a FSMC should charge a School Food Authority (SFA) for sales other than reimbursable meals.

For cash meal sales other than reimbursable meals, the number of meal equivalents shall be determined by dividing the total of all food sales except reimbursable meal and reimbursable snack sales, (including sales of adult meals, a la carte meals, snack bar, catering, vending, and any other function sales) by the Meal Equivalent Factor. For the purposes of FSMC contracts, a la carte shall be inclusive of all foods and beverages sold to students that do not constitute a component of a reimbursable meal plus all foods and beverages sold to adults during any and all meal services provided within the scope of the contract.

### **Current Meal Equivalent Factor**

*MEF = Prior SY Severe Need Plus 7 Cents Lunch Rate + Prior SY USDA Foods Estimated Effective Rate*

<b>Contract Year</b>	<b>Meal Equivalent Factor</b>
School Year 2022 - 2023	\$4.1475

