

School Year (SY) 2026-2027 PLE Tool Flowchart

Step 1: Calculate the Weighted Average Price Requirement for SY 2026-2027

Go to Tab 3: SY 2026-2027 Requirement Calculator

In Step 1, enter your 2025-26 Unrounded Price Requirement into the green box OR continue to the Optional Step indicated by the dotted arrow.

Optional Step: If you need the Weighted Average Price for SY 2010-2011 to calculate the Weighted Average Price Requirement for SY 2026-2027:

Complete Tab 8: SY 10-11 Price Calculator, then return to Tab 3: SY 26-27 Requirement Calculator

If the SY 26-27 Requirement Calculator indicates "At or Above Equity" in cell B7, go to Step 3

If the SY 26-27 Requirement Calculator shows a price requirement to the nearest cent, go to Step 2

Step 2: Decide on the method you would like to meet the requirement and complete the calculator that corresponds to the method chosen.

Method 1

Raise the Weighted Average Price of paid lunches

Go to Tab 4: SY 26-27 Price Raise Calculator

Method 2

Contribute revenue from non-Federal sources to the Non-Profit School Food Service Account

Go to Tab 5: SY 26-27 Non-Federal Calculator

Method 3

Split the requirement by raising the Weighted Average Price of paid lunches AND contributing revenue from non-Federal sources to the Non-Profit School Food Service Account

Go to Tab 6: SY 26-27 Split Calculator

Step 3: Generate a report summarizing how the price requirement will be met.

Go to Tab 7: SY 26-27 Report. In Section 2, select the method used to meet the requirement for SY 2026-27