

## **Special Milk Program (SMP)**

### **Description**

Provides milk to children in schools, childcare institutions and eligible camps that do not participate in other federal child nutrition meal service programs.

Requires that schools or institutions operate their milk programs on a nonprofit basis and agree to use the federal reimbursement to reduce the selling price of milk to all children.

Requires participating schools/institutions to offer pasteurized fluid milk (unflavored or flavored) that meet State and local standards. All milk must contain vitamins A and D at levels specified by the Food and Drug Administration.

### **Participation**

Any child at a participating school, half-day pre-kindergarten/kindergarten program or institution can participate in the Special Milk Program. Children may buy milk or receive it free, depending on the choice of program options.

Schools in the National School Lunch or School Breakfast programs may also participate and provide milk to children in half-day pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs where children do not have access to the school meal programs.

### **Budget**

In FY 2012, \$13.2 million was provided to the SMP.

### **Contact Information**

For more information about this program, we suggest that you visit <http://www.fns.usda.gov/smp>