

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 13
DATE: February 16, 2023

RECOMMENDATION

2023-24 MEAL PLAN RATES

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve an 8.3% increase to the meal plan rates for Academic Year 2023-24.

STAFF SUMMARY

This recommendation calls for an 8.3% increase on meal plan rates. In addition, the recommendation includes an additional up to \$100/semester of flex dollars to be used at other dining locations across campus plus up to 4 guest passes/semester depending on the meal plan selected.

The US Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the wage inflation rate for the dine away from home for the Midwest has increased by 9.1% in the last year and that single meal prices have increased by 26.8% in the last five years from \$10 to \$12.68. In addition, the Employment Cost Index (ECI) which measures Labor and Compensation has increased by 7.7% this past year and by 32.2% over the past five years for Food Service employees. These increases are both higher than the national average. EMU's meal plan prices continue to be in line with similar colleges and universities in our area and across the nation.

The recommended Academic Year 2023-24 Meal Plan Rates is attached.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

These proposed rates will be reflected in the Dining section of the FY23-24 Auxiliary budget recommendation that will be presented to the Board of Regents in June 2023.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.



University Executive Officer

February 16, 2023

Date

**FY24 Dining Rate Proposal Summary
By Meal Plan Type**

New Meal Plan	Class	Description	Current Meal Plan Rates (Semester)				AY24 Recommended Meal Plan (Semester)				Recommended Increase (Semester)	
			Cost	Flex	Transfers	Guest Passes	Cost	Flex	Transfer	Guest Passes	Amount	Percent
E-Style Anytime	FR/SO/JR/SR	Unlimited at Commons	\$ 3,015	\$ 100	75	0	\$ 3,265	\$ 200	75	4	\$ 250	8.3%
E-Style 3 per day	FR/SO/JR/SR	3 meals per day	\$ 3,015	\$ 100	0	0	\$ 3,265	\$ 150	0	3	\$ 250	8.3%
E-Style 2 per day	FR/SO/JR/SR	2 meals per day	\$ 2,900	\$ 100	0	0	\$ 3,141	\$ 150	0	2	\$ 241	8.3%
E-Style Freestyle	SO/JR/SR	1 meal per day + \$850 Flex	\$ 2,627	\$ 850	0	0	\$ 2,844	\$ 950	0	2	\$ 218	8.3%

10-Year Meal Plan % Increase

<u>Academic Year</u>	<u>Meal Plan Increase</u>
2023-24	8.30%
2022-23	4.78%
2021-22	3.04%
2020-21	2.95%
2019-20	2.67%
2018-19	2.75%
2017-18	2.00%
2016-17	1.50%
2015-16	5.00%
<u>2014-15</u>	<u>4.00%</u>
10-year average	3.70%