

Check in with CANS - Minutes
Monthly Conference Call with DOE-Child and Adult Nutrition Services
Feb 4, 2016 2:30PM CST/1:30PM MT

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Claim Due Dates

Changing the monthly claim due date. Claims are due in the iCAN system on or by the 10th of the month. If the 10th falls on weekend or a holiday, the following business day claims will be locked in view only at 8:00 a.m central time zone.

Summer Food Service Program:

Schools interested in reviewing sponsor responsibilities can watch the [Summer Food Service Program Overview](#) on the South Dakota Department of Education's Summer Food Service Program webpage. To learn more about serving as a sponsor or site, call Child and Adult Nutrition Services at (605) 773-3413. For more information and to register for training, go to <http://doe.sd.gov/cans/sfsp.aspx>. The deadline to register for training is February 18, 2016.

NSLP Seamless Summer Option

You can apply to operate the Seamless Summer Option through the National School Lunch (NSLP) or School Breakfast Programs (SBP). Continue the same meal service rules and claiming procedures used during the regular school year, which is a streamlined approach to feeding hungry children in your community.

Seamless Summer Option training is tentatively scheduled for March 15, 2016. Registration deadline is February 18, 2106. Contact Beth Henrichsen at beth.henrichsen@state.sd.us or 605-773-3610 for more information.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) – Application Request

If an elementary school from your district is interested in participating in the FFVP, please click the below link, and fill out school name and contact information. The contact person will be notified of when applications become available. Selection for the program is based on free/reduced eligibility percentage from the October Survey (October 2015 data) and FFVP application responses.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1obyFk0Moeq3E64cgT2e7AmKePHF56JyqiaNDeK6PnZQ/edit?usp=form_confirm (Link posted in February Nutrition Bulletin).

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program provides allocated funds to elementary schools for purchase of a fresh fruits and vegetable snack. Preference of site selection is given to high free/reduced eligibility from the most recent October Survey. The service of the FFVP must be provided during the school day, and not served in conjunction with other federal programs (cannot be served at the same time as breakfast, or lunch). Also, the service of fresh fruits and vegetables *cannot* be served with accompaniments (fruits and vegetables *cannot* be served with juice, milk, bread, etc.). FFVP dollars cannot be used to cover the cost of fruits and vegetable served at lunch or breakfast service. Additionally, the FFVP must be scheduled to be provided at least **twice per week**.

National Ag Day

National Agriculture Day is March 15, 2016. National Ag day is a day to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture. Every year, producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and countless others across America join together to recognize the contributions of agriculture.

Paid Lunch Equity Tool

The FY16-17 PLE Tool is posted on the CANS webpage: <http://doe.sd.gov/cans/nslp.aspx> in the Paid Lunch Equity section. Contact CANS if you have questions.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

Upcoming webinar for CEP: Messaging and Outreach in Your Community. Wednesday, February 10, 2016. 1:00 – 2:15 PM EST (12:00 pm Central; 11:00 am Mountain). School Food Authorities and State Agencies will share success stories and strategies to encourage schools and districts to elect CEP. This webinar will help local officials launch an effective effort to promote CEP and address some of the common barriers to implementation. The link to participate will be posted in the Check in with CANS meeting notes posted on our CANS website. Information can also be found in the CANS Feb Nutrition Bulletin.

There is also a new CEP Manual available. This manual consolidates the existing CEP guidance and best practices. The manual will be updated annually to reflect any future guidance and to address any requested clarifications. The manual will be posted on our CANS website, the NSLP page or can be accessed at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cep-planning-and-implementation-guidance>.

If you are interested in applying for CEP for next school year, now is the time to start identifying all your directly certified students. To establish eligibility to participate in the program, we look at your April 1 data and the more students you establish as directly certified, the higher your free claiming percentage will be. Remember that directly certified students are students that are granted free meal eligibility without submitting a household application. Directly certified students are commonly certified through iMATCH with **SNAP or TANF**, but you can also work with your schools **homeless, runaway, or migrant coordinator** to establish direct certification. Work with Dept. of Social Services – Child Protective Services to establish direct certification for **foster** children. Remember to work with your local **Food Distribution on Indian Reservation** to establish FDPIR direct certification benefits. **Head Start** is also an acceptable method of direct certification.

Professional Standards

New manual available: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/guide-professional-standards-school-nutrition-programs>. You may count this 15 minute call towards your Professional Standards requirements.

Product Formulation Statements

A PFS provides information that demonstrates how a product may contribute toward meal pattern requirements for USDA's Child Nutrition Programs. The purpose of this tip sheet is to help program operators evaluate and determine if the PFS document is acceptable.



PFS tipsheet.pdf



PFS flowchart.pdf