

Check in with CANS

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Welcome

All Program Reminders or Updates:

- **Return to Normal Operations** (*Mikayla*)

Congress first provided USDA the authority to waive certain school meal rules and standards in the Families First Coronavirus Act in early 2020 and extended the waiver authority through subsequent emergency funding bills. USDA's waiver authority ranged in issue from the Seamless Summer Option, increased school meal reimbursement rates, non-congregate meal service, meal times and meal pattern requirements, and onsite monitoring and reporting requirements (the full list of available USDA school meal waivers for the current school year are listed [here](#)). The USDA's current waiver authority expires on June 30, 2022.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022 was signed into law (public law 117-103) on March 15. This law did not extend any special authority to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS). This means that unless Congress takes special action, there will be no extension of universal free meals. Additionally, there will be no increased funding for the Child Nutrition Programs for school year (SY) 2022-23.

- *For School Nutrition Programs*

- Free and Reduced household applications can be submitted for SY22-23 starting July 1. Applications for SY21-22 can still be submitted for the students to qualify for the 30-day carryover of benefits into next school year.
- Meals will be charged and claimed at the normal free, reduced, and paid rates.
- Normal SNP meal reimbursement rates will go into effect on July 1, 2022. USDA will likely release these rates in July.
 - You can view the current SNP rates in the [iCAN system](#) under SNP Claims > Claim Rates or on the [CANS SNP website](#) under Application and Claim Information; <https://doe.sd.gov/cans/documents/2122-SNPrates.pdf>
- The waiver of Area Eligibility, to operate SSO at all school sites, expires when your school year ends, it does not allow you to continue operating into the summer months.
- Transitional Meal Pattern standards, released on 2/7/2022, go into effect on July 1, 2022.
- We are still waiting on USDA guidance on many topics regarding return to normal such as 30-day carryover of benefits, PLE, meal service flexibilities, and program monitoring.
- Administrative and procurement reviews will resume in SY22-23

- Memos were sent to Superintendents, Business Managers, Food Service Directors, and Authorized Representatives on 3/29
 - *For Child and Adult Care Food Programs*
 - Day care homes will return to their normal tiering reimbursement rates beginning July 1
 - All currently approved waivers for noncongregate feeding and parent pick up will expire on June 30. Congregate meals must resume on July 1.
 - Transitional meal pattern standards: 1% flavored milk may be served in the CACFP to children over the age of 6, beginning July 1, 2022, with the transitional meal pattern standards.
 - Program reviews will resume in program year 22-23.
 - *For Summer Food Service Program*
 - USDA has not issued any nationwide waivers for SFSP as this was not an allowable option for SY21-22 operations. With the expiration of waiver authority, SFSP will return to normal operations for Summer 2022.
 - All applications must be approved prior to site operations
 - All meals must be served in a congregate setting (children must eat onsite), there are **no grab and go meals** this summer

Please note that the above information is subject to change depending upon the release of future USDA guidance or Congressional action.

- ****NEW Guidance** Memo SP 08-2022, CACFP 07-2022, SFSP 03-2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022; Effect on Child Nutrition Programs, released April 4, 2022.** (Beth)
 - **For all programs** - SFSP, CACFP, SNP: No raw or processed poultry products can be purchased from China for use in any of the USDA Child Nutrition Programs.
 - School Breakfast Program change: Schools have the option to credit any vegetable offered, including starchy vegetables, in place of fruit without including vegetables from other subgroups in the weekly menus. This removes the earlier requirement to serve vegetables from other subgroups before offering a starchy vegetable. Effective SY21-22 and 22-23.
 - School Nutrition Program Paid Lunch Equity (PLE): For SY 2022-2023, only SFAs that have a negative balance in the nonprofit school food service account as of December 31, 2021, will be required to establish a student price for paid lunches according to PLE requirements.

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Reminders or Updates: (Christina)

- Please continue to complete CACFP trainings available on the [CACFP website](#) under the *CACFP Training Opportunities* tab and or [SD Bright Track](#). As a reminder, all program trainings need to be completed by September 30, 2022.
 - Required CACFP Trainings are as follows: Civil Rights, Meal Patterns, Meal Counts, Claims Submission and Claim Review Procedures, Recordkeeping Requirements (includes Free and Reduced-Price Meal Applications and Production Records), and reimbursement system.
 - Its highly recommended to attend the following trainings as well: Infant Meal Patterns (if claiming for infants), Whole Grains, and Monitoring Requirements (if you have multiple sites).
- If your site is not licensed with Dept. of Social Services, CANS will be in contact with you to become Alternately Licensed. This process costs \$90 and Dept. of Public Safety (DPS) will conduct the inspections.

School Nutrition Program (SNP) Reminders or Updates:

- School Year 2022-2023 SNP application will early open next week. (Mikayla).
 - Applications are due by August 19, 2022.
 - We don't have full USDA guidance on several topics including Specially Needy Rate, Severe Need Rate, and Paid Lunch Equity (PLE), until we get this guidance we cannot applications.

- School Nutrition Program Summer Training – June 7-8 in Pierre ~ Save the Date! ~ (In-person sessions) (Cynda)
 - Free School Nutrition Program training, costs to attend this training are allowable costs to your food service program.
 - We are planning 4 tracks – 1 for business managers, 1 for newer food service staff, and 2 for all food service staff. Registration and more details will be coming soon!

- Schools Must Notify Families About Local SFSP/SSO Open Feeding Sites (Rob):
 - All SFAs that operate the School Nutrition Programs must notify families of the availability of free summer meals, regardless of if they offer them, across the state.
 - Typically, SFAs do this by providing a flyer with information for parents to find those sites
 - USDA has updated the phone number for the automated texting service, which connects families to meal sites: 914-342-7744. CANS has also created an updated flyer that can be found here: <https://doe.sd.gov/cans/documents/2022-SFSPpromo2.pdf>

- Supply Chain Assistance Funds (SCA) for eligible School Food Authorities update: (Cheriee)
 - These funds are to be used to purchase unprocessed or minimally processed, domestic food in schools that operate the National School Lunch/Breakfast Program and signed an attestation statement in Feb.
 - Payments were made on April 1.
 - These funds can be used for current and future expenses - starting the date the funds were received. SCA funds cannot be used to cover past expenses.
 - Example 1: An SFA signed a purchasing contract for milk before the start of the school year that is paid for on a monthly basis. If SCA funds are received by the school on April 1, 2022, the SFA **can** pay invoices for milk that are due **on or after this date**, as long as the school has documentation needed to show it is domestic.
 - Example 2: An SFA signed a purchasing contract for milk before the start of the school year that is paid for on a monthly basis. If SCA funds are received by the school on April 1, 2022, the SFA **cannot** pay invoices for milk that were paid before this date.
 - Schools must retain documentation to prove the funding was spent on minimally/unprocessed, domestic foods. Common documentation can include invoices and copies or pictures of labels.
 - Schools can continue to spend this funding into SY22-23.
 - More information including examples of [allowable foods to purchase](#), [USDA question and answer memo](#), [PowerPoint](#) and [recording](#) of the CANS webinar, and one page resource on [getting started with purchasing from local suppliers](#).

- Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) for School Students: (Cheriee)
 - Summer 2021 P-EBT benefits are being dispersed by Dept. of Social Services SNAP office over the next couple of weeks.
 - Eligible school children: Any student enrolled in a school that participates in NSLP that is approved for free or reduced-price meals in SY20-21 or summer months of 2021.
 - Frequently asked questions: <https://dsspebt.sd.gov/FAQ/Summer2021>
 - P-EBT customers that have general P-EBT question should be directed to: PEBT@state.sd.us or they can call 1-833-813-0006.

- FFVP 22-23 Application Request (Rob)
 - If an elementary school in your district is interested in participating in the FFVP for SY22-23, please complete the Application Request and provide contact information
 - Schools currently participating in the FFVP will be automatically invited to complete an application for SY22-23 and do not need to request an application.

- The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program provides reimbursement to elementary schools for purchase of fresh fruit and vegetable snacks to be provided during the school day
- Check of the [CANS-FFVP webpage](#)
- [FFVP 2022-23 Application Request](#)
- CEP Reporting (Andrea)
 - Each school year, all SFAs (whether interested in CEP or not) are required to complete the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Site List Report in iCAN.
 - This report opened on April 1, 2022 and will close on April 11, 2022.
 - Please use the [CEP Reporting Instructions](#) to complete this report which can also be found on the CANS SNP website under the “School Meal Programs Requirements” dropdown. The CEP Reporting Crash Course with CANS webinar recording and PowerPoint are also available for you on the CANS webpage under Crash Course with CANS. [03/24/2022 Community Eligibility Provision Reporting \(PowerPoint\)](#)
 - On April 14th all eligible and near eligible SFA’s will be contacted with instructions on how to apply!
 - Contact Andrea (andrea.theilen@state.sd.us) or Teresa (Teresa.motlas@state.sd.us) with questions!
- Extended NSLP/SBP via SSO: (Mikayla)
 - If your school operates a formal school sponsored summer school program, you may be eligible for extended NSLP/SBP. Contact your program specialist or send an email to DOE.SchoolLunch@state.sd.us with questions.
- Transitional Meal Pattern Standards for SY2022-23 and SY2023-24 reminder: (Teresa)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) [announced](#) school nutrition standards for the next two school years. This [new final rule](#) changes the 2012 nutrition standards for milk, whole grains and sodium starting next school year.

 - **Milk:**
 - Sponsors can offer flavored low-fat (1%) milk in addition to nonfat flavored milk and nonfat or low-fat unflavored milk, at least one of the two varieties of milk offered must be unflavored
 - Flavored low-fat (1%) milk will be allowed in Smart Snack rules
 - Flavored low-fat (1%) milk is allowed in the Special Milk Program and Child and Adult Care Food Program for participants ages 6 years and older
 - **Whole Grains:** At least 80% of the grains served at lunch and breakfast each week must be whole grain-rich
 - **Sodium:** The weekly sodium limit for school lunch and breakfast will remain at the current level in SY 2022-2023 and there will be a 10% decrease in the limit of sodium allowed at lunch starting SY2023-2024. There will not be a similar change at breakfast.

Sodium Standards: National School Lunch Program

Sodium Standards: School Breakfast Program

National School Lunch Program Transitional Sodium Timeline & Limits		
Age/Grade Group	Target 1: Effective July 1, 2022	Interim Target 1A: Effective July 1, 2023
K-5	≤ 1,230 mg	≤ 1,110 mg
6-8	≤ 1,360 mg	≤ 1,225 mg
9-12	≤ 1,420 mg	≤ 1,280 mg

School Breakfast Program Transitional Sodium Timeline & Limits	
Age/Grade Group	Target 1: Effective July 1, 2022
K-5	≤ 540 mg
6-8	≤ 600 mg
9-12	≤ 640 mg

- ****NEW** Meal Requirements for the NSLP and SBP Questions and Answers for Program Operators**, released March 2, 2022. <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/sp052022-questions-answers-program-operators> contains revised guidance to include the transitional standards.
- USDA hosted a webinar on the Transitional Nutrition Standards on February 16, 2022 and they will post a recording (and the slide deck) on the [Nutrition Standards for School Meals](#) website.

USDA Foods in School/Food Distribution Program Reminders or Updates: (Darcy)

- The May order form is open and will close on Monday, April 11th at 9:00 a.m. There is only 1 item left on the order form. As a reminder for the 22-23 school year, schools are encouraged to start spending their entitlement early in the school year. Please do not wait until April and May to use most of your entitlement as inventory may be limited in the later months of the school year.
- If you requested entitlement in the DoD Fresh/FFAVORS program, make sure to check your balance. DoD Fresh/FFAVORS is a use it or lose program and if your district cannot use the remaining balance, other schools can benefit from additional funds.

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Reminders or Updates: (Christina)

- SFSP iCAN Applications are open! All applications must be approved prior to site operations.
 - The final deadline to have applications submitted by is June 1st to be eligible to participate in SFSP for 2021-2022.
- If you were not able to attend the required annual SFSP Administrative training, please visit the [SFSP website](#) under the *Training* tab for the [recording](#) and [quiz](#). Upon completion, a certificate will be emailed to you.
 - This training **MUST** be completed prior to your application approval.
- CANS Senior Secretary, Diana Webb, sent out an email to all SFSP Sponsors about the banners as there was a change to the number for the Summer Meals text service. CANS is purchasing patch covers to update the text number and send to sponsors that complete the [survey](#).
- CANS has applied for and received approval from the USDA for the following “normal” SFSP waivers: Meal Service Times, First Week Site Visit, OVS, and Closed Enrolled.

Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Reminders or Updates: (Cynda)

- SSO Administrative training webinar: April 13, 2022 from 2:30 – 3:30pm CT or 1:30-2:30pm MT
- This webinar is for SFAs that want to operate normal SSO for Summer 2022.
- If you are interested in operating a normal SSO program this summer, please contact Cynda Frey (Cynda.frey@state.sd.us or 605-394-2223) **before** starting your SSO application.

Farm to Plate/School: (Cynda)

- A new one-page resource to help get started with Farm to Plate.
 - [South Dakota Farm to School Rules for Purchased or Donated Local Foods](#) available under the Farm to Table on the CANS website.

Upcoming Trainings or Calls: (Cynda)

- SAVE THE DATE Procurement Training and Procurement Plan Workshops in May
8:00 – 4:30 Morning Sessions will include Procurement Basics, Farm to School, Buy American, Group Purchasing Cooperatives and the afternoon will be a workshop to update procurement plans.
Watertown May 5, Sioux Falls May 6, Pierre May 10 and Rapid City May 11.
- Crash Course with CANS (30-minute live webinar): **Nonprogram Foods: Basics And More!** webinar is April 21 at 2:30pm CT/1:30pm MT.
 - Zoom Link: <https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/93990420264?pwd=dE1nZ0Npc2JwaCtJOXlqNVVlZ3I3QT09>

- Meeting ID: 939 9042 0264, Passcode: 415931
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- Check in with CANS occur on the first Thursday of each month at 2:30pm CT/1:30 pm MT.
 - Next Check in Date: May 5, 2022
 - Zoom Link: <https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/93990420264?pwd=dE1nZ0NPc2JwaCtJOXlqNVVlZ3I3QT09>
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Find your local number: <https://state-sd.zoom.us/u/adtnoWDDK8>

Professional Standards Annual Training Requirement Reminder: Any learning or training you receive about any aspect of the School Nutrition Programs can be counted as training time towards the professional standards annual training requirement.

Please retain documentation to show what topics were trained. For example, agenda, topics, handbook, certificate, etc. And record training on a Tracking Tool – we suggest using the [SD Tracker Tool](#) posted on the CANS SNP website.

This Conference call can credit for 15 minutes of training.

Learning Topics discussed during this call were:

- 3000 Administration: 3200 Program Management - 15 minutes