

Check in with CANS

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Welcome!

All Program Reminders or Updates:

- **New Staffing Update!** Rebecca Rasmussen
- **Pathways to Child Nutrition:** Registration is now open! Our annual conference will be June 9-12, 2025, at Brandon Valley High School, Brandon, SD. Join us to discover new strategies to implement and deliver the most effective nutrition program in the state. <https://forms.office.com/g/hnwkey1cUG>

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

- **Annual Training reminder:** Don't forget to complete your required annual trainings before the September 30 deadline. As a reminder, our Pathways to Child Nutrition Conference held in June will cover all topics to meet training requirements.

School Nutrition Program (SNP) Reminders or Updates:

- **F2S Culinary Kits in the Classroom** coming soon to an elementary classroom near you.
- **ACTION REQUIRED----Community Eligibility Provision Reporting Requirement:** 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 will open on April 1, 2025, and will close on April 10, 2025.** 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" section.
- **Summer School and Extending the NSLP/SBP School Year:** If you are planning to have summer school and would like to continue feeding (only) the kids that are enrolled in summer school, please let us know, and we will help you make the necessary iCAN SNP application updates.
- **Primero Edge Changes Coming:** Register now for a Primero Edge Reimagined Webinar - April 8th at 2:30PM CST or April 9th at 11AM CST Click here to Register <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/8864418220306656352>
- **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP):** [Application Request](#) for SY 2025-26 for **New Participants**. If you are interested in adding the FFVP, a fresh fruit and vegetable snack program for elementary and middle schools up through the 8th grade, in SY 2025-26, please click the Application Request hyperlink and fill out a request for an application by **Wednesday, April 10**.

- **FFVP Application SY 2025-26:** All sites **currently** participating in FFVP will automatically receive an application and **do not** need to request an application through the link mentioned above. For more program information, contact CANS, or visit the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program webpage. FFVP is a snack program for elementary and middle schools up through the 8th grade. This is different than the DoD Fresh FFAVORS, where fresh fruit and vegetables orders are placed using **Food Distribution Program entitlement**.

- **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Outreach – Due Before the Last Day of School!** All SFAs are required to inform households before the end of the school year of the availability and location of meals offered through the SFSP. Outreach for SFSP must be completed by all SFAs regardless of whether SFSP is offered by the SFA itself. SFAs distribute information through means normally used to communicate with households of enrolled children. This may include newsletters, automatic calling and texting services, email, or mailings. Here are three easy ways to find a meal site near you: visit the [Summer Meals Site](#), text "Summer Meals" (in English or Spanish) to 914-342-7744, or call 1-866-348-6479. Feel free to use our [SFSP outreach flyer](#) to communicate SFSP information.



- **Field Trip Quick Facts:** All lunches that are claimed for reimbursement must meet the daily meal pattern requirements. Students must have access to all five required food components. If students self-select field trip lunches in the cafeteria line just prior to leaving for a field trip, offer versus serve may be implemented. Meals must be counted at the point of service, the place at which students receive the meal. Schools may have a teacher check off names on a list as each student receives a meal. This list must then be returned to food service so the meals can be entered into the meal counting system and properly recorded for claiming. Another option for schools is for students to select a bag lunch at the cafeteria and enter their PIN before leaving on the field trip. Counts of bag lunches sent or returned or field trip attendance counts may not be used as a meal count. For guidance on keeping “bag” lunches safe, check out this USDA resource by clicking [here](#).

- **Celebrate School Lunch Hero Day! May 2, 2025:** School nutrition professionals are real heroes—and we don't say that lightly! Each spring, we celebrate their dedication with School Lunch Hero Day. Join schools across the country in honoring the vital role these team members play in the lives of every student they serve. Visit the School Nutrition Association website for [ideas and resources](#) to help you celebrate and recognize these heroes! Be sure to check out Jarrett Krosoczka's TED Talk on School Lunch Hero Day—a heartfelt [video](#) that highlights just how amazing school nutrition professionals truly are!



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

- All USDA Foods have been ordered for May delivery. The order form for May delivery will remain open in iCAN for SFA's to modify or delete their orders. SFA's may want to check the order form periodically in case a district cancels their order. The order form will close on Tuesday, April 8th, 2025, at 9 a.m. The May order form had a limited selection of products, as the state works to clear out the warehouse during March and April, ensuring that schools have access to fresher products when ordering in September. If you have entitlement remaining and would like to add it to DoD Fresh/FFAVORS contact me, Darcy Beougher. Each request will be based on the FFAVORS funding available and how much entitlement you have yet to spend in FFAVORS.
- Check your DoD Fresh/FFAVORS balance. If you are not on track to spend the full entitlement, let me, Darcy Beougher know right away. Other districts can utilize the funding.

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and SNP Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Reminders or Updates:

- **SFSP Experienced Sponsor Training:** If you are an experienced SFSP sponsor and you were unable to attend the online training, you still have the opportunity to attend the training. The training is available on the [DOE Professional Learning Platform](#). To fulfill the training requirement, you must watch the training video and successfully complete the associated quiz. Upon passing the quiz, a certificate of completion will be emailed to you. As a reminder, this training is required and must be completed before your SFSP application can be approved.
- **SFSP iCAN Applications:** Program year (PY) 2024-2025 applications are now open! Applications must be approved by **May 19, 2025**. An email was sent on Tuesday, March 18 with additional information and resources.
- **F2S 2nd Annual Challenge Week:** June 23-27, 2025. The F2S Challenge Week offers sponsors a chance to showcase a local food(s). Local food(s) eligible for this year's challenge are protein, vegetables, and fruits. The challenge offers 3 different tiers for participation. See the [F2S website](#) for details.
- **Garden in a Bucket:** Garden in a Bucket uses a small amount of real estate at your site but provides big impact for teaching children about how food grows. The project is meant to involve children at every step. If you're not familiar with growing food in a bucket, [watch this video](#). SFSP sponsors will receive a notification via email on how to request a Garden in a Bucket kit later this month. Kits are limited and are on a first come, first serve basis. One kit per sponsor. Kits will include a 5-gallon bucket, soil, a watering can, and a vegetable plant. Start making plans now on how you can incorporate this fun project at your site. Buckets will be delivered the early part of June.
- **Seamless Summer Option:** This program is available to schools participating in the school nutrition programs. SSO is an extension of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program designed for schools that wish to provide meals over the summer months to their communities, but do not want to change program operations to meet the requirements of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). If you are planning to operate the Seamless Summer Option (SSO), please reach out to CANS to update your application. Applications are due May, 20, 2025. Make sure to use the updated 2025 SSO forms in the

download section of iCAN when completing your application. If you need a refresher on SSO operations, you can access the training video available on our [DOE Professional Learning Platform](#).

Upcoming Trainings or Calls:

- **Check in with CANS Zoom calls** occur on the first Thursday of each month at 2:30pm CT / 1:30pm MT. [Zoom link](#) for SY2024-25 – Meeting ID: 984 7563 6311, Passcode: 317903. Mark your calendars! Check in with CANS calls months and dates for this year:

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- **On Demand Training From CANS:** We are transitioning all trainings into the DOE online professional development platform and removing them from the CANS websites. Current training videos can be found at <https://sded.sd.gov/>. Use the categories drop down to select Child and Adult Nutrition Services to filter training options. Enroll in your selected training videos. If you are looking for old *Crash Course with CANS* training videos, they are all under Crash Course with CANS simply enroll to access the entire list of short training videos.

Thank you for joining us today and for your service feeding children across South Dakota!