

Check in with CANS

May 5, 2022 at 2:30PM CT/1:30PM MT

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All Program Reminders or Updates: (Mikayla)

- Staffing Updates
 - We are happy to announce that CANS has hired two new Child Nutrition Program Specialists,
 - Jordan Johnson (Jordan.Johnson@state.sd.us), will lead SFSP (and support CACFP) working from Brookings.
 - Lisa Boeke (Lisa.Boeke@state.sd.us), will lead CACFP (and support SFSP) and is working from Watertown.
 - We have started cross-training specialists to provide even more program coverage and to help answer questions from schools and agencies.
 - Beth Henrichsen has taken a new position and is no longer with CANS. We are working to fill her position.

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

- Back to Normal, Back to Basics! (Reminders)
 - 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.
- CACFP Training:
 - 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 topics: 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.
 - Recommended trainings (these are not required): Infant Meal Patterns (if claiming for infants), Whole Grains, and Monitoring Requirements (if you have multiple sites).
- Alternate Licensing:
 - 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) & Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Reminders or Updates: (Teresa and Andrea)

- Back to Normal, Back to Basics! (Reminders) (Andrea)
 - iCAN applications for SY22-23 will open May 6
 - No free meals for student in the School Nutrition Program in SY22-23 without a last-minute act from Congress. Schools must return to normal operations, for nearly all schools that means completing your direct certification student matches to issue free meals and collecting free and reduced applications for the rest of the students.
 - Free and Reduced household applications can be submitted for SY22-23 starting July 1 (and not earlier)
 - Free and Reduced 30-day carry over benefits: Applications for SY21-22 can still be submitted for the students to qualify for the 30-operating day carryover of benefits into SY22-23.
 - iMATCH direct certification matches can start after Independence day (7/4) for SY22-23.
 - Meals will be charged based on student eligibility and claimed at the normal school lunch and breakfast 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, or possibly later.
 - 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>
 - Area Eligibility waiver: That allowed schools to operate SSO at all school sites in SY21-22, expires when your school year ends. School cannot continue operating using that waiver into the summer months. (Teresa)
 - Transitional Meal Pattern standards, go into effect on July 1, 2022. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/02/07/2022-02327/child-nutrition-programs-transitional-standards-for-milk-whole-grains-and-sodium>
 - Link to a USDA webinar recording: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/nutrition-standards-school-meals>
 - 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
 - We continue to wait for guidance from USDA guidance on many topics regarding return to normal such as 30-day carryover of benefits, PLE tool, meal service flexibilities, and program monitoring.
 - Administrative and procurement reviews will resume in SY22-23
- Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) reminder: (Cheriee)
 - Schools that operate a zero or positive balance on Dec. 31, 2021, are exempt from the PLE requirement in SY22-23. Only schools with a negative balance on Dec. 31, 2021 are required to establish a student paid lunch price that meets SY 22-23 PLE requirements.
 - The feds have not released an updated PLE tool, yet.

- Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Applications are due on May 31, 2022.
 - All schools that are eligible or near eligible were notified recently by email from CANS.
 - Reach out to Teresa or Andrea if you need any assistance gathering your documentation.
- FFVP Applications for SY22-23
 - Will be available shortly after the SNP iCAN application opens. An email from CANS will be sent with that announcement.

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

- Check your DoD Fresh/FFAVORS account to make sure you have spent the entitlement you allotted to the program. If you are not able to spend the remaining balance, email me at darcy.beougher@state.sd.us as soon as possible and let me know you are unable to spend the rest of your district's DoD funds. Other districts can benefit from additional DoD Fresh/FFAVORS funds.
- USDA announced 21-22 school year meals will be used to determine entitlement for the 22-23 school year. USDA reconciles meal counts in November so school districts will see either an increase or decrease in their entitlement at that time based on the Total Lunches Served in the 21-22 school year.

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

- Back to Normal, Back to Basics! (Reminders)
 - 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.
 - SFSP iCAN Applications are open! All SFSP applications must be approved before sites start operating. Application approval normally takes a couple of submissions and work with CANS before it can be approved. Don't wait until the days before you want to start operating!
 - The final deadline to have applications submitted by is June 1st to be eligible to participate in SFSP for 2021-2022.
 - All meals must be served in a congregate setting (children must eat onsite), there are no grab and go meals this summer
- CANS has applied received approval from the USDA for the following "normal" SFSP waivers: Meal Service Times (different than similarly named COVID waiver), First Week Site Visit, Offer Vs Serve (OVS), and Closed Enrolled.
- CANS is still waiting for approval from USDA regarding the SFSP Compliance Waiver.

Upcoming Trainings or Calls: (Teresa)

- Crash Course with CANS: **End of Year Report Guidance** webinar is May 19 at 2:30 CT/1:30 MT.
 - Zoom Link: <https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/93990420264?pwd=dE1nZ0NPc2JwaCtJ0XlqNVVlZ3I3QT09>
 - Meeting ID: 939 9042 0264, Passcode: 415931
Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
- Check in with CANS occur on the first Thursday of each month at 2:30pm CT/1:30 pm MT.
 - Next Check in Date: June 2, 2022 - **This call is canceled.**
 - When additional USDA guidance is released, we may schedule a call to discuss any new announcements. That call will be announced in a special email.
- School Nutrition Program Pathways to School Nutrition Summer Training – June 7-8 in Pierre, SD
 - Save the day info: <https://doe.sd.gov/cans/documents/Pathways-22.pdf>
 - Registration: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=fFSvcKtpbUG0plQ7XOUrmX0m3-SQysRGkQ9pgUYIfwxUN080TDNRWlJVSkgzV0ZGWDBRQlNVQlk4QSQlQCN0PWcu>
- School Nutrition Association of South Dakota (SNA SD) State Conference – 7/19-7/21 in Aberdeen, SD

- Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-snasd-state-conference-registration-326055249027>
- Please note this is not a CANS hosted event.

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 can credit for 15 minutes of training.

SNP Learning Topics discussed during this call were:

- 3000 Administration: 3200 Program Management - 15 minutes