

## Check in with CANS

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### Welcome!



### All Program Reminders or Updates:

- **Purpose of Check in with CANS call:** These monthly check in calls will cover the latest program updates and reminders for the nutrition programs and USDA Foods in Schools. These are opportunities to bring **your** questions – ask in the chat or unmute and ask. Minutes will be posted on the [CANS website](#) within the week of the call. These will be recorded and saved for two weeks and will be shared only upon request.
- New staff joined us, Jaynie Spier! Jaynie joined our team in early June and will focus on the Child and Adult Care Food Program to start. Welcome Jaynie!
- **Crash Course short webinar series** are not scheduled this year. We are rapidly growing our catalog of on demand CANS training videos that can be found at <https://sded.sd.gov/>. Select categories: Child and Adult Nutrition Services to filter training options to find trainings across all nutrition and food distribution in school programs.
- **DOE SNP and CACFP media release** for the new school/program year released to media on August 13, 2024. Schools and agencies are encouraged to release a local media release to educate and encourage families to apply for free/reduced price meals. The media release can be found at [Media Release](#).
- **Update iCAN Applications:** Has your organization had any staffing changes recently? If so, please don't forget to update the iCAN application! Making these updates informs our office to remove inactive staff's access to iCAN and helps ensure that our office communications are sent to the correct people! If any changes are made to the application, please don't forget to submit the application for approval so our office can approve the changes!
- **CANS News emails.** Be sure you are on our CANS News email list. Email addresses are updated from approved iCAN applications starting in October. Current email addresses are from last year's iCAN applications and specific requests to receive these emails. You can submit a request by sending an email to [DOE.SchoolLunch@state.sd.us](mailto:DOE.SchoolLunch@state.sd.us). The CANS News emails come from a specific email address, [cansnews@listserv.sd.gov](mailto:cansnews@listserv.sd.gov). So be sure to add this email address to your favorites so it doesn't go to your spam/junk folder.



- **Contact us! There are lots of ways to get a hold of CANS staff:**
  - CANS Group email, this is checked every business day: [DOE.SchoolLunch@state.sd.us](mailto:DOE.SchoolLunch@state.sd.us)
  - DOE Contact List, this includes of names, titles, and emails listed on DOE website: [Contact Us](#)
  - CANS Contact list, a printable PDF posted on the CANS website: <https://doe.sd.gov/cans/documents/0724-Contacts.pdf>
  - These are updated when staff change.
  
- **Farm 2 School (F2S) crew Zoom calls (for K-12 Schools):** The next call will be Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 3pm CT, 2pm MT. Calls are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. New [Zoom link](#) for SY 2024-25, Meeting ID: 960 8709 9021, Passcode: 817290. Information can also be found on the F2S [website](#) under the [Trainings and Meetings](#).
  
- **SFSP Challenge Week Congratulations to Participants:** Visit the F2S Showcase tab on the F2S [website](#) for an array of pictures and activities from the week.
  - Wilmot School District
  - Vermillion School District
  - Youth and Family Services, Rapid City
  - Rapid City YMCA
  
- **[Child Nutrition Integrity Final Rule:](#)**
  - This rule was discussed in detail on Oct. 2023 [Check in with CANS](#), minutes and summary table.
  - CACFP, SFSP, SNP: Establishes fines for violating program requirements, effective Aug. 23, 2024. This will only be used in exceptional circumstances as outlined in regulation, like failure to correct severe program mismanagement.
  - SNP only: Procurement annual training requirement for school nutrition program directors, management, and staff who work on NSLP procurement activities to complete procurement training annually, effective Aug. 23, 2024.
  
- **Updates to Uniform Grant Guidance, effective Oct 1, 2024:** Applies to CACFP, SFSP, and SNP.
  - an increase in threshold for equipment, a per unit cost of \$10,000 (2 CFR § 200.313),
  - an increase in the Single Audit Threshold from \$750,000 to \$1 million (2 CFR § 200.501).
  
- **[Child Nutrition Programs: Meal Patterns Final Rule](#)** – The following is a quick high level summary, review the hyperlink or the DOE Learning Platform for full rules.

**New rules for CACFP, SFSP, and SNP:**

  - Tribal school veg substitution for grain. Effective July 1, 2024. In schools that are tribal or BIE operated, or primarily serve American Indian students vegetables may be served as a substitution for grain requirements. (USDA guidance coming soon)
  - Traditional indigenous foods (such as yams, sweet potato, buffalo, salmon) may be served in reimbursable meals. Effective July 1, 2024.
  - Allows nuts and seeds (including nut/seed butters) to credit for full Meat/Meat Alternate.
  - Geographic preference is now allowed in written specifications. Effective July 1, 2024
  - *Only CACFP & SNP:* New added sugar requirements, starting July 1, 2025, for SNP and October 1, 2025, for CACFP: Establishes product-based limits for:
    - Breakfast cereals no more than 6 grams per oz
    - Yogurt no more than 12 grams per 6 oz
    - In SNP: Flavored milk no more than 10 grams per 8 fluid oz or sold as Smart Snack for middle and high schools 15 grams per 12 fluid oz. CACFP milk requirements did not change.
    - Will add a percentage cap in future years.
  - *Only CACFP & SNP:* Effective July 1, 2025, in SNP, and Oct. 1, 2025, CACFP: Adds to regulation that state licensed healthcare professionals and registered dietitians may write medical statements on behalf of participants with disabilities.

### New rules for SNP only:

- Sodium targets remain at current requirements until July 1, 2027.
- Meat/Meat Alternate (MMA) at Breakfast. Establishes a combined Grain/MMA meal requirement. Removes the daily requirement to serve a grain. Effective July 1, 2024.
- Substituting veg for fruit at breakfast, no veg subgroup requirements in SY2024-25. Establishes veg subgroup requirements effective July 1, 2025. If substituting vegetables 1 day/week any vegetable can be offered. If substituting vegetables on 2+ days/week vegetables must be offered from at least two different subgroups.
- Beans, Peas (Legume) veg subgroup renamed to Beans, Peas, Lentils. Effective July 1, 2024.
  - Allows schools to count beans, peas, and lentils offered as an MMA in a meal to also count toward the weekly beans, peas, and lentils vegetable subgroup requirement. Note: the beans, peas, and lentils cannot count for both vegetable and MMA in the same meal. This flexibility only impacts the weekly vegetable subgroup requirement
  - Bean Dip Exemption is added to foods exempt from the total fat standard for a la cart and smart snacks. Saturated fat standards in smart snack is unchanged.
- Removes trans fat requirement.
- Effective July 1, 2024, allows medium and large districts to apply to CANS to hire a food service director with 10+ years of SNP experience but do not have a college degree, they must have a high school diploma or GED.
- Buy American provides an exemption list using the Food listed on the [Federal Acquisitions Regulations \(FAR\) 25.104](#) Non-available articles list for food that is not produced in the U.S. in sufficient quantities. This list changes, suggest keeping a dated copy on file. Caps on Buy American exceptions will be gradually instituted SY 2025-26 through SY2031-32.

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

- **CACFP iCAN Application.** Are open for program year (PY) 2024-2025. Complete approved applications are due on **October 7, 2024.**
  - Open Hours: Applications can take a few submission attempts to get approved, we are offering open hours to provide one-on-one assistance to answer program questions or help with your iCAN application. Open hours are staffed time scheduled in Zoom to allow anyone working on their CACFP application to call in and obtain immediate, in-person assistance from knowledgeable CANS staff.
    - **August 19th** - 2pm - 4pm (CST) / 1pm - 3pm (MST); [Join via Zoom](#)
    - **August 26th** - 2pm - 4pm (CST) / 1pm - 3pm (MST); [Join via Zoom](#)
    - **September 9th** - 2pm - 4pm (CST) / 1pm - 3pm (MST); [Join via Zoom](#)
    - **September 16th** - 2pm - 4pm (CST) / 1pm - 3pm (MST); [Join via Zoom](#)
  - The [CACFP iCAN Sponsor User Manual](#) is on the [CANS CACFP page](#) under the Applications for the Child and Adult Care Food Program tab. Follow this manual to fill out your application to avoid extra or lost work. It has answers to common questions and tips to avoid common errors.
- **Reminder that several CN Integrity Rules are in effect for program year (starting Oct 1, 2024):** This rule was discussed in detail on Oct. 2023 [Check in with CANS](#), minutes and summary table. You may see new items in your iCAN application and program review, due to these new requirements.

### School Nutrition Program (SNP) Reminders or Updates:

- **iCAN applications:** SNP iCAN applications are **due tomorrow, August 16.** Please reach out if you need help completing your application. If you are on the review list for SY 2024-25, unapproved applications will cause problems in your review please reach out to your program specialist immediately to avoid those issues.

There is one final open hour session for those who have missed the deadline. Open hours are staffed time scheduled in Zoom to allow anyone working on their SNP application to call in and obtain immediate, in-person assistance from knowledgeable CANS staff. Any program questions are also fine!

- **August 21** – 2pm – 4pm CT / 1pm – 3pm MT; [Join via Zoom](#)
- The [iCAN SNP Agency Manual](#) is on the [CANS SNP webpage](#) under Application and Claim Information. Follow this manual to fill out your application to avoid extra or lost work. It has answers to common questions and tips to avoid common errors.
  
- **Direct Certification and iMATCH.**
  - Directly certifying free students before you district starts the school year requires a special step to find “Inactive Students.” Check out the [iMATCH – Starting the School Year](#) resource for specific steps.
  - A live webinar will not be conducted on August 20, as noted in the CANS SNP wall calendar. A recorded iMATCH training webinar will be available on August 20, 2024 on the [DOE SD Learn On Demand training site](#).
  - Check out the [iMATCH SFA User Manual](#) for full system instructions with pictures.
  
- **2025 Annual Financial Statements (for FY 2024 Data)**
  - The report is listed on the CANS website: [Financial Statement 2024](#). This must be completed by the Authorized Representative from all nonprofits. Public schools do not need to complete this document.
  - The Sponsor must ensure that the reported data is accurate and reflects the financial operations for the fiscal year reported.
  - The **deadline is August 28**. Please email them to: [stacey.booth@state.sd.us](mailto:stacey.booth@state.sd.us)
  
- **Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) Tool**
  - A copy of the PLE tool for SY 2024-25 can be found in the iCAN SNP Download Forms Form ID SNP0009. SY 2024-25 student paid lunch target is \$3.85 (using SY 2023-24 paid lunch data).
  - Schools with a zero or positive balance in their Nonprofit School Food Service Account as of June 30, 2023, will not be required to raise paid lunch prices for SY 2024-25. These schools will not be required to fill out their PLE tool. If you would like to raise your prices, but meet the above exemption, you can do so without completing the tool.
  - Schools that do not have a weighted average price of \$3.85 for paid lunches in SY 2023-24 may need to fill out the PLE tool as directed in the “guidance” tab of the PLE tool.
  
- **Adult Meal Prices**
  - Adult meals must be set high enough to cover the total cost of the meal. This includes the cost of food, labor, utilities, indirect costs, and the value of any USDA foods used.
  - [CANS memo #223-1 Adult Meal Pricing](#) will walk schools through the steps and the simplified method utilizing a formula to calculate the adult meal prices each year.
    - Simplified method, minimum adult meal prices for SY 2024-25:
      - Districts with at least one Severe Need Breakfast Site: \$2.84
      - Districts without any Severe Need Breakfast Sites: \$2.37
      - Districts qualifying for Special Needy Lunch: \$5.00
      - Districts not qualifying for Special Needy Lunch: \$4.98
  - Meals provided to employees who are directly involved in the operation and management of the breakfast and/or lunch programs (such as kitchen managers, cooks, and servers) may be offered a meal at no charge that is paid for using food service account funds. However, these meals must not be claimed for reimbursement.
  - [USDA memo SP 20-2016](#) and [FNS\(CN\) Instruction 787-3](#)

- **Colony Free and Reduced Price application:** Each family in the colony must apply for meal benefits on a household application to receive free or reduced-price meals. Colony applications follow standard application rules. Using the colony per person income calculation is not acceptable. Contact DOE.SchoolLunch@state.sd.us if you have specific questions.
- **Food Service Mgt Company confidentiality statement, annual signature reminder.** If your school has a Food Service Management Company, please remember that FSMC employees must sign a Confidentiality Agreement with the school each new year. This document can be found in the iCAN application screen under Download Forms, document SNP0027, and titled FSMC Confidentiality Agreement. The FSMC may have an agreement with their employees, but this agreement is between the FSMC employee and the school. This agreement protects the confidentiality of students' information and is required for all new FSMC hires and annually for return FSMC employees.
- **Fresh Fruit and Veg Program (FFVP) Awards sent via email on August 8.** If you have questions, need help, or did not receive an email and believe you should have please contact Diana Webb or Diana Leiseth.
- **School Nutrition Program SY2024-25 Wall Calendars.** We are out of physical copies. If you would like the information, but weren't able to receive a calendar, the electronic version is posted on the CANS webpage under the School Nutrition Program [announcements section](#).

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

- **DoD Fresh/FAVORS.** SFAs will see that 75% of your DoD Fresh/FAVORS entitlement (that was requested on last year's Annual Surveys) has been added to the FFAVORS site. The additional 25% will be added once your SFA has started spending your entitlement. If your SFA does not spend your entitlement, it will be moved to SFAs that are spending their entitlement.
- **One more chance to move entitlement to DoD Fresh/FAVORS.** If your district did not complete last school years Annual Surveys and you would like to add DoD Fresh/FAVORS entitlement, an email was sent out with a Microsoft forms survey link. The Microsoft form survey will allow your district to request entitlement for DoD Fresh/FAVORS. **The survey will close tomorrow Friday, August 16 at 9:00 am Central Time Zone, 8:00 am Mountain Time Zone.**
  - Helpful resources:
    - CANS FDP website: <https://doe.sd.gov/cans/fdp.aspx>
    - [2024-25 Food Distribution Calendar](#)
    - [Food Distribution Manual](#)
    - [Entitlement Calculations and Adjustments](#)

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

- The Summer Food Service Program is quickly wrapping up for the year! We will have more updates on planning for next year's summer operations, including information on how you can start planning for Grab and Go!
- [Turnip the Beet!](#) Since summer is quickly wrapping up, we would like to recognize our outstanding summer feeding sponsors! Turnip the Beet Award recognizes outstanding summer meal program sponsors across the nation. All Summer Meal Program sponsors in good standing are eligible to apply. Nominations must illustrate how the meals served are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious. This award is a way to showcase the work your organization has put into feeding the children in your community over the summer months! [Nomination forms](#) can be found on the [USDA website!](#)

### 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.

Check in with CANS calls months and dates for this year:

Sept	5
Oct	3
Nov	7

Dec	5
Jan	9*
Feb	6

Mar	6
Apr	3
May	1

June <i>tentative</i>	5
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\*Adjusted date to second Thursday of the month due to holiday

New [Zoom link](#) for SY2024-25 – Meeting ID: 984 7563 6311, Passcode: 317903

- **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!**