

Check in with CANS

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Welcome!

All Program Reminders or Updates:

- **Online Payment Fees** USDA does not allow schools to charge fees to access the nutrition programs or impose additional criteria to participate.
 - SFAs and agencies are reminded, if a fee is charged for an online payment method, they must also provide a method of accepting payments that do not charge a fee. The fee free payment method cannot be overly complicated or restrictive to present a barrier for families wishing to use the option.
 - Since “junk fees” were a topic of a recent consumer report, we expect USDA to update or re-issue guidance or reminders in the coming months. <https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/cn/SP02-2015os.pdf>
- **Paper applications** This is a reminder that paper applications must be made available to households that cannot or do not wish to submit an electronic application. Requiring families to submit an online application is not allowed.
- **Pathways 2025 Instructor Proposals.** CANS is inviting proposals from skilled professionals experienced with the nutrition programs to present at the next Pathways to Child Nutrition conference scheduled for June 9-13, 2025, in Brandon, South Dakota. Proposals will be accepted now through September 10. Selections and notifications will go out by October 1. For questions, please contact Melissa Cuka at melissa.cuka@state.sd.us or call 605-280-8707. The proposal form can be found at: <https://forms.office.com/g/pyTHKrW57L>

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.
 - **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.
- **CACFP Annual Training Reminder – Due Sept. 30, 2024.** All agencies are required to participate in annual training each program year (October 1- September 30). If your agency has not met the annual training requirements (see table below for requirements) for this program year, you have until September 30 to

complete the training. As a reminder, failure to complete the annual training will result in your agency being declared Seriously Deficient. These trainings can be found on our professional learning platform. For more information on accessing the platform, please visit the [DOE Professional Learning Platform website](#).

Annual Training Resources:


Training:	Required Staff:
CACFP Recordkeeping	Authorized Representative/Program Director/Food Service Director and others that work with program records.
CACFP Claims	Auth. Rep/Program Director and others that work with completing and submitting claims.
CACFP Meal Counting	Authorized Representative/Program Director/Food Service Director and others that work with completing and submitting meal counting.
CACFP Production Records	Authorized Representative/Program Director/Food Service Director and others that work with completing the production records.
CACFP Free and Reduced- Price Meal Applications	Authorized Representative/Program Director/Food Service Director and others that submit, approve, and work to assist families with free and reduced applications.
CACFP Children Meal Patterns	Authorized Representative/Program Director/Food Service Director and others that help with ensuring meal patterns are met.
CACFP Infant Meal Pattern Requirements	Authorized Representative/Program Director/Food Service Director and others that work with infants and if meals are claimed for reimbursement.
Civil Rights	All CACFP staff.

School Nutrition Program (SNP) Reminders or Updates:

- **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Claim Issue:**
 - The system is currently experiencing an error with Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) claims resulting in users receiving an error message. CANS has submitted a ticket to our system vendor who is working on a resolution.
 - Note: This is a program within SNP. That provides reimbursement for a fresh fruit or veg snack served daily at Elementary or Middle schools in the morning or afternoon (outside of lunch or breakfast).
 - **First Allocation-** The first allocation for FFVP awards ends on September 30th. All funds from the first allocation should be allocated by that time. Funds from the first award cannot be carried over to the second award, which begins on October 1. Reach out to Diana Webb or Diana Leiseth with any questions.

- **Primero Edge iMATCH and Menu Planning System Update** is planned for Tuesday September 10 at 9:00AM the Primero Edge system will be temporarily down for system maintenance for a few hours. Please plan your work accordingly.

- **Using Donated Funds or Non-Federal Funding Reminder.** If your district receives donor funding or uses other sources of non-federal funds to subsidize some or all the student meal cost, please remember that meals must be claimed for reimbursement based on approved student eligibility: free, reduced price, or paid. Just because the student eats free of charge, does not mean the meal is claimed in the free category.
 - Student eligibility entered in the student information management system (Infinite Campus/NASIS) must match the approved student meal eligibility.

- **Procurement Training** Four presentations will be uploaded to the learning platform by the last week of September:
 - Procurement Basics
 - Beyond the Basics - this course will cover items not covered in Basics
 - Buy American Provision - there have been significant changes! We recommend everyone view this one soon!
 - Working With your Food Service Management Company – This one is for SFAs that work with a Food Service Management Company
- **Lactose Free Milk** Some schools have reported that their dairy is offering 1% unflavored lactose free milk. Lactose free 1% milk is an acceptable offering.
 - The requirement: Schools must offer students a variety (at least two different options) of pasteurized, vitamin A and D fortified, fluid milk at breakfast and lunch daily. All milk must be fat-free (skim) or low-fat (1 percent fat or less). Milk with higher fat content is not creditable. Low-fat or fat-free lactose-free and reduced-lactose fluid milk may also be offered.
 - The added sugar limit goes into effect July 1, 2025, for SY 2025 - 26. Flavored milk must contain no more than 10 grams of added sugars per 8 fluid ounces, or for flavored milk sold as competitive food for middle and high schools, 15 grams of added sugars per 12 fluid ounces.
 - CANS does not have authority to issue waivers for milk unless emergency conditions exist, for example snowstorms that prevent milk trucks from delivering milk.
- **Medicaid Benefits and Establishing Free or Reduced Price Meal Benefits** In SD, Medicaid benefits **cannot** be used to establish free or reduced price meal benefits.
 - According to the [USDA Eligibility Manual](#), Medicaid direct certification is only allowed in states that are approved to participate in a national demonstration pilot study that uses Medicaid income data to establish free or reduced price meal benefits. Family income used to establish Medicaid benefits is evaluated against the federal poverty levels that are used to establish SNP eligibility (130 percent of the Federal Poverty Level for free school meal eligibility; or 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level for reduced price meal eligibility).
- **Verification** You can begin verification now. You must begin verification activities no later than October 1. Your Verification sample pool must include all Free and Reduced Applications on file as of October 1. The Verification Process webinar can be viewed by going to <https://sded.sd.gov/>. From the Categories drop down select Child and Adult Nutrition Services and enroll in the *Verification Process Training*.
- **National School Lunch Week is Oct. 14-28, 2024.** "School Lunch Pirates: Find Your Treasure" is the theme for National School Lunch Week this year. This annual event was established by President Kennedy in 1962 to highlight the benefits of the National School Lunch Program. Schools across the country mark the week with special menus, fun events, and activities that emphasize the positive impact of healthy school meals on students' lives. For ideas on how to bring this theme to life, visit the [School Nutrition Association](#) website. Please let us know how you plan to celebrate and send us pictures!
 
- **USDA Video 2024 Updates to School Nutrition Standards** USDA created a short (<2 minute) video about upcoming school nutrition standards. It might be helpful to share with families, teachers, school boards, or other people that may be interested in your SNP. <https://youtu.be/Dr-7ildirEg?si=2ygMK5kConMGSTf5>

- **2024-2025 National School Foods Study Informational Webinar for SFA Directors** This webinar will provide a detailed overview of the 2024-2025 National School Foods Study and describe the key role of State Child Nutrition directors and select SFAs in making this study a success. The webinar will also offer an opportunity for you to ask any questions you might have. We will circulate a recording of the webinar if you are unable to attend. If you have any questions about this webinar, please contact the National School Foods Study team at schoolmeals@mathematica-mpr.com or 1-833-SCH-MEAL.
 - A small number of SD SFAs will be selected to participate in this study. These schools received an email on Tuesday, Sept. 3.
 - **Date:** Monday, September 9, 2024
 - **Time:** 3:00 p.m. EST, 2:00 pm CST, 1:00 pm MST
 - **Platform:** Webex
 - **Link to register:** [Register Here](#)

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

- DoD Fresh/FFAVORS August Microsoft Forms Requests will be added as soon as USDA Updates South Dakota's 24-25 SY Entitlement
- Reminder if your USDA Foods delivery is shorted product, contains damaged product, or you received extra product; an OS&D report needs to be completed in the Food Distribution Program in iCAN within 5 days of your delivery.
- Remember to receipt your DoD Fresh/FFAVORS orders in the FFAVORS system within 7 days of your DoD Fresh/FFAVORS delivery. If you do not receipt your order, the DLA representative will be emailing you to receipt your order ASAP.

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and SNP Seamless Summer Option (SSO)

Reminders or Updates: [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!](#) (9/13 due to CANS)

Farm to School Updates:

- **South Dakota Crunch Off is Sept. 15 to Oct. 12.**
 - Help celebrate Farm to School month in October. Make plans now to identify what fruit or vegetable you and your group will “crunch” this year. Learn more about the [SD Crunch Off](#) on the F2S website and register your crunches at the SDSU extension webpage [here](#)
 - Last year SD had 2,749 crunches from 15 cities.
 - The goal for 2024 is 5,000 crunches from 20 cities!! Please help us meet this goal and register your crunches!



Upcoming Trainings or Calls:

- **Upcoming In-Person Training Opportunity for SNP: Survival Guide Training for Child Nutrition Professionals: A Crash Course in School Meals**

- [Registration](#) for the 2024 Survival Guide Training for Child Nutrition Professionals: A Crash Course in School Meals is [open](#).
 - High level overview of USDA School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program
 - Information provided will help participant get through their first quarter on the job
 - See the schedule at a glance on the registration blank for specific topics to be covered
 - Training is schedule for: Oct. 23-25, 2024. 2 ½ day course (8-5 on Wednesday and Thursday, 8-12 on Friday CT). Registered attendees are expected to attend all 3 days of training
 - Designed for new or “newer” (3 years or less in a lead or supervisor position) head cook, Managers, food service directors, or food service lead
 - Interactive training with a mixture of lands-on activities and lecture
 - Snow date: Nov. 6, 7, and 8
- **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 2nd 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](#).

- **Check in with CANS Zoom Meetings.** Scheduled for the first Thursday of each month at 2:30pm CT / 1:30pm MT. These check ins’ cover the latest program updates and reminders for the child nutrition programs and USDA Foods in Schools. They are an opportunity to get **your** questions answered. Mark your calendars! Check in with CANS calls months and dates for this year:

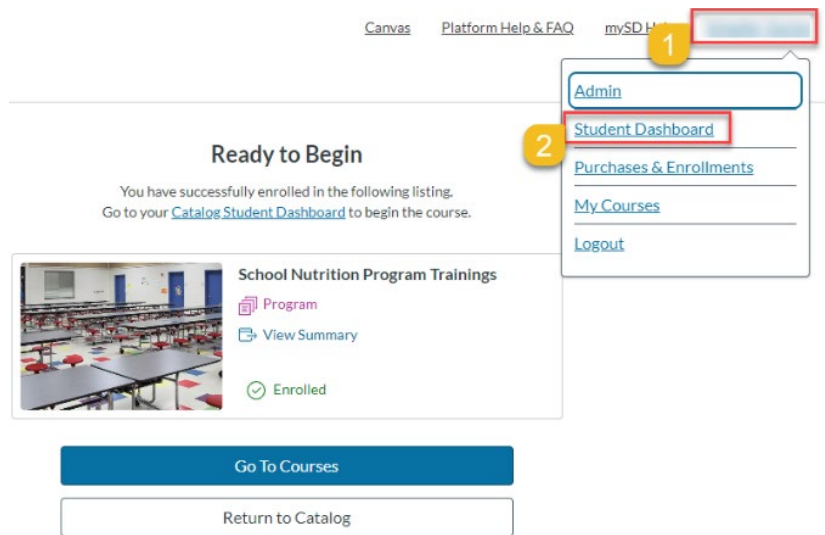
Sept	5	Dec	5	Mar	6	June <i>tentative</i>	5
Oct	3	Jan	9*	Apr	3		
Nov	7	Feb	6	May	1		

*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:** All trainings are moving onto the DOE online professional development platform. They will not be on the CANS websites. Current training videos can be found at <https://sded.sd.gov/>.
 - Log in with your K-12 email.
 - If you don’t have a K-12 email, review instructions [here](#) under “I do not have a K-12 email account”
 - Problems logging in, review instructions [here](#) under “Issue while logging in to platform”
 - **TO FIND COURSES**
 1. Use the “Categories” drop down to select [Child and Adult Nutrition Services](#) to filter training options.
 2. You will need to “enroll” in the trainings you want to take.

3. Click on your name at the top and choose student dashboard. This is where you can start your enrolled courses.



4. Please Note- Specific Program trainings are within their own course. Ex. School Nutrition Program trainings include all SNP trainings.

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