

Check in with CANS

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Welcome!

Farm to School Updates:

- **The Patrick Leahy Farm to School grant request for applications is [OPEN](#).** Don't miss this chance to begin or expand your Farm to School Program. This annual grant opportunity provides implementation grant amounts up to \$500,000 and turnkey grants for up to \$50,000. Visit the [website](#) for more information. Applications are due in grants.gov by January 10, 2025.
- **F2S Buyers Growers Conferences are coming! Save the date.** Join us for a daylong conference either in Huron SD on Jan. 20, 2025, or Rapid City on Feb. 17, 2025. The conference is intended to bring together school nutrition professionals, producers, and ranchers to share, learn, and collaborate on ways to incorporate Farm to School in your community. **Registration is open.** Visit the [F2S website](#) for details and updates.
- **2023 Farm to School Census Report available [here](#).** Key census findings for SD show that 57.1% of SD schools have been participating for less than 3 years. 43.1% of SFAs are providing food, nutrition, or agricultural education. Detailed results for specific SFAs are also available to view on the link provided.

All Program Reminders or Updates:

- **Changes at Department of Education Child and Adult Nutrition Services.**
 - CANS Division Director changes: Cheriee Watterson's last day is Nov. 14. Interim Director George Seamon (George.seamon@state.sd.us) has been appointed until the position is filled. George is the current Dept of Education State Librarian. Mikayla and Christina will cover day to day program needs, as normal.
 - Program Specialist changes: Jaynie Spier is moving along; Nov. 8 is her last day. Sr. Secretary Darian Schaefer will be moving into one of the open CACFP/SFSP Program Specialist positions on Nov. 24. Be sure to send emails to DOE.SchoolLunch@state.sd.us until the team is fully staffed. Christina Lusk is currently managing the Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program.
 - We will begin recruiting for the soon-to-be-open Sr. Secretary position right away! And are still working to fill the open CACFP/SFSP Assistant Director and second Program Specialist position.
- ****NEW** [USDA memo SP 03-2025, CACFP 03-2025, SFSP 01-2025](#): Substituting Vegetable for Grain in ... Tribal Communities released on October 30, 2024.** This memo provides guidance on the new regulation that allows all schools, sponsors, institutions, and facilities that are tribally operated, operated by the Bureau of Indian Education, and that serve primarily American Indian or Alaska Native children to serve vegetables to meet the grains requirement. This new rule is allowed in SNP, CACFP, and SFSP operations.
 - Schools, sponsors, or institutions that choose to use this option do not need to request approval from CANS. However, documentation that shows each site is eligible to use this option must be

maintained on file with program documentation. The memo contains examples of acceptable documentation.

- One-half cup of vegetable can substitute for one ounce equivalent of grain (or 1 serving of grain/bread in SFSP). The vegetable served must meet the daily minimum grain quantity required by the meal pattern (age/grade group) and can be used to meet the whole grain-rich requirement.
- There is no limit on the amount of times vegetables may be substituted for the grain requirement.
- The vegetables substituting for grains cannot also credit as the required vegetable component in the applicable meal pattern. Program operators are required to offer another vegetable to meet the vegetable component requirements and/or vegetable subgroup requirements.

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

- **New Program Year, October 1.** As a reminder, the new CACFP year has started! This means that training for program year 2024-2025 will need to be completed by 9/30/2025.
- ****NEW**** [USDA memo CACFP 01-2025: Nutrition Requirements for Fluid Milk and Fluid Milk Substitutions in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Questions and Answers.](#) This memo updates and clarifies current guidance for fluid milk requirements in CACFP and includes a series of frequently asked questions and answers.
 - Iron-fortified formula may be served to children between the ages of 12- 13 months to assist with the transition to whole milk.
 - Breastmilk may be served to a child of any age.
 - Unflavored whole milk and reduced-fat (2%) milk may be served to children between the ages of 24 months to 25 months to help with the transition to fat-free (skim) milk or low-fat (1%) milk.
 - Flavored milk may only be served to children 6 and older for reimbursement.
- ****NEW**** [USDA memo CACFP 02-2025: Offer Versus Serve and Family Style Meals in the Child and Adult Care Food Program.](#) This memo provides updated guidance on the use of Offer Versus Serve (OVS) in the adult day care and at-risk afterschool settings, as well as the use of family style meals in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). This memorandum contains two attachments that highlight frequently asked questions and answers and OVS examples for breakfast, lunch, and supper meal service. See chart below:

Family Style Meal Service and Offer vs. Serve		
	Family Style Meals	Offer vs. Serve
Which CACFP settings may use this type of meal service?	All CACFP settings	Adult day care and at-risk afterschool centers only
Which meals may be served using this type of meal service?	All meals, including snack	Breakfast, lunch, and supper only; OVS is not allowed at snack
Is the institution or facility required to offer the minimum serving size of each meal component for each participant?	Yes	Yes
Is the participant required to take the minimum required serving size of a meal component?	No	Yes
Who serves the food?	The child or adult participants (with assistance from the supervising adult if needed)	Pre-portioned or served directly by the provider or supervising adult

School Nutrition Program (SNP) Reminders or Updates:

- ****NEW** USDA memo SP 05-2024: Fees for Electronic Payment Services in the School Meal Programs.** This [memo](#) clarifies policy related to electronic or online payment services and fees charged to families in SNP.
 - [FNS Instruction 782-6](#), revision 1: Fees for Lunchroom Services, issued November 4, 2010, established the policy that children participating in school meal programs cannot be charged additional fees for services provided in conjunction with program participation.
 - Effective SY 2027-28, students eligible for free or reduced price meals must not be charged any fees for using electronic payment services in the school meal programs. This delayed implementation allows time to modify systems or renegotiation/establish new contracts with vendors.
 - Schools must make free payment options available to all families (regardless of free, reduced, or paid status) and advertise those options to all families. Additionally, a method must be available that does not require computer access or a bank account.
 - The memo provides additional information and examples of ways that schools can increase the availability and awareness of free and low-cost payment options to families.
- **Verification due soon!** Your verification activities should be wrapping up, the reporting deadline for verification is November 15, 2024. Use the last operating Day in October to count directly certified students and any students approved Free or reduced. ALL schools must submit a verification report. The Verification Process and reporting webinar can be viewed by going to <https://sded.sd.gov/>. From the Categories drop down select Child and Adult Nutrition Services, enroll in School Nutrition Programs, and find *Verification Process Training*.
- **Equipment Grant applications.** The application will be posted on the [CANS SNP website](#) soon, please keep an eye out for the informational email. CANS has less funding to award this year than in prior years, please keep in mind this is a competitive grant process.

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

- **Annual Survey coming soon!** Please place a reminder on your calendar that the Annual surveys will be coming up in the next few months. The Pre-Survey released in January is a list of all USDA Foods that South Dakota can order. This is a quick yes or no Microsoft Forms survey which tells the state what USDA Foods you want to order for the 25-26 school year. The majority of USDA Foods chosen on the pre-survey are placed on the Annual survey that is released in February. The Annual Survey in February should be completed and is where schools request DoD Fresh/FFAVORS entitlement.
- **Entitlement sweep coming soon!** Entitlement spending will be evaluated in the next few months. If your school is not on track to spend your DoD Fresh/FFAVORS or USDA Foods entitlement, entitlement will be swept (taken away) from your school and given to schools that are spending.
- **Reminder: Receipt your DoD Fresh/FFAVORS orders** in the FFAVORS system within 7 days of your delivery. A good practice is to receipt the FFAVORS order the same day you receive it.
- **Overages, shortages, and damages (OS&D) reports** for USDA Food deliveries must be completed in iCAN within 5 days of delivery. If your delivery is on a Friday; Saturday and Sunday will count for two days.

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Reminders or Updates: SFSP Administrative Training--
 SAVE THE DATE more details to follow!

- Experienced sponsor training is scheduled for Wednesday, March 5, 2025 (online).
- New sponsor training is scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2025 (in-person only) in Pierre.

Upcoming Trainings or Calls:

- **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!

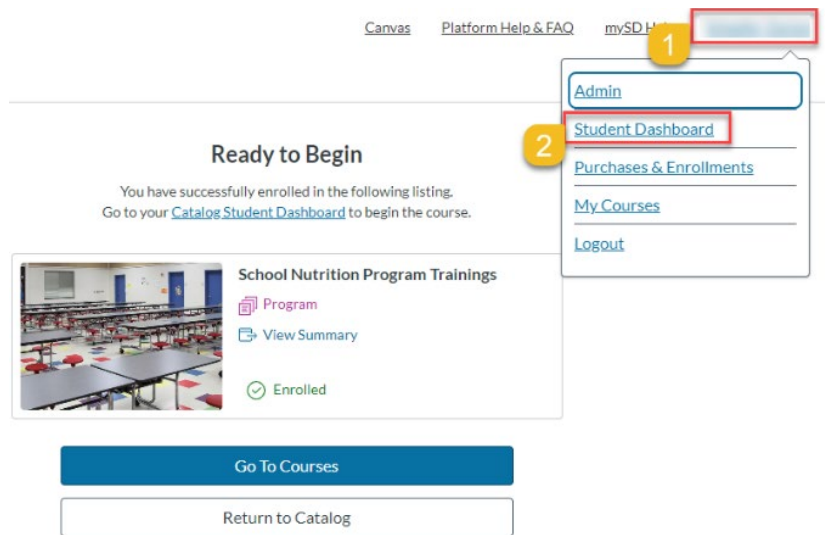
Dec	5	Mar	6	June <i>tentative</i>	5
Jan	9*	Apr	3		
Feb	6	May	1		

*Adjusted date to second Thursday of the month due to holiday
[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. Click “enroll” in the trainings you want to take.
3. Click on your name at the top and choose student dashboard. This is where you take 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!