

## Check in with CANS

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## Welcome!

### All Program Reminders or Updates:

#### Staff Updates

- Amanda Feist has taken over the assistant administrator position previously held by Jordan Schumacher. She will be working to support the Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Her email is [Amanda.Feist@state.sd.us](mailto:Amanda.Feist@state.sd.us) and phone number is 605-773-4213.

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

**Program Year 2024-25 Reviews:** Review preparations are underway for this current program year. Child Nutrition Resources (CNR), our contract company, will be conducting the majority of CACFP reviews this year. Review notifications have been sent out for reviews conducted by both CANS and CNR. CNR will be in touch with the agencies they are reviewing soon if they have not been already.

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

**Team Nutrition's Offering Meats and Meat Alternates at School Breakfast:** Team Nutrition's "Offering Meats and Meat Alternates at School Breakfast" training guide has been updated to be consistent with the Final Rule, "[Child Nutrition Programs: Meal Patterns Consistent With the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans](#)." The final rule allows schools the option to offer grains, meats/meat alternates, or a combination of both at breakfast. This 20-page training guide shows school nutrition professionals how to offer meats and meat alternates at school breakfast by providing menu planning ideas, crediting information, sample menus, and more. Available for download today at [fns.usda.gov/tn/offering-meats-and-meat-alternates-school-breakfast](https://fns.usda.gov/tn/offering-meats-and-meat-alternates-school-breakfast).

**New Training Series:** Team Nutrition is pleased to announce a new addition to the training series, [The Road to Successful Menu Planning for School Meals](#), to help schools plan and implement menus that support updates to the school nutrition standards. The new 15-minute training covers identifying top sources of added sugars in your school menus!

This training series includes quarterly 1-hour live (and recorded) webinars co-hosted with the Institute of Child Nutrition, and short on-demand trainings. Both are designed to provide school nutrition professionals with quick tips, tools, and knowledge needed to meet the nutrition standards for added sugars and sodium and to help create a road map for successful school menu planning now through School Year 2027-2028.

Watch this recorded 1-hour webinar with the Institute of Child Nutrition:

- [Creating Your Road Map to School Menu Planning Success!](#)

Check out these short (about 15 minutes each), on-demand trainings:

- [Defining Added Sugars and How to Find Them On a Nutrition Facts Label](#)
- [Choosing Yogurt That is Lower in Added Sugars for School Meals](#)
- [Choosing Breakfast Cereals That Are Lower in Added Sugars for School Meals](#)
- [Choosing Flavored Milk That Is Lower in Added Sugars for School Meals](#)
- [Identifying Top Sources of Added Sugars and Simple Swaps](#) \*NEW\*

The trainings above can count toward USDA Professional Standards for School Nutrition Programs, Key Area 1000: Nutrition and Training Topic 1100: Menu Planning. These trainings and more are also available at the [Institute of Child Nutrition's iLearn portal](#) and [USDA's Professional Standards Training Database](#).

**Produce Safety University 2025:** Child and Adult Nutrition Services is now accepting nominations for the FY 2025 Produce Safety University PSU includes a combination of classroom training, laboratory instruction, and field trips. Previous classes have visited fresh-cut processing facilities, produce distributors, a terminal market, and farms. Farm to School is integrated into classroom lectures and discussion throughout the course. You are encouraged to nominate participants who train school nutrition staff at the district level and/or produce procurement responsibilities. Participants will be expected and encouraged to teach others about produce safety using the training materials provided through PSU. Weeklong sessions will be offered during March, April, May, and June. Nominations are due via this [DOE CANS Produce Safety University Nomination Form - 2025](#) by December 13, 2024.

To learn more about PSU, visit <https://www.fns.usda.gov/fs/produce-safety/psu>. FNS, in partnership with ICN, look forward to working with you to offer produce safety training to school nutrition professionals working in USDA Child Nutrition Programs.

**Net Cash Resources (NCR):** This school year, if your school exceeded a five-month net cash resource limit (based on SY 2023-24 financials), your district will receive a letter that will require you to create a spend down plan. Attached to that letter will be a financial spend down plan worksheet, a NCR calculation, and a list of common allowable and unallowable costs. These documents can assist you with creating a spend down plan that meets your program needs and follows federal program requirements. If your district does not receive a letter, that means your district does not need to submit a spend down plan this school year. As a reminder, DOE will allow schools to use a temporary flexibility for a two-year spend down plan.

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

**Pre-Survey:** The Pre-Survey will be opening on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The Pre-Survey is a list of all USDA Foods the state can order for the 25-26 school year. An email will be sent to the program, billing, and ordering contacts for your agency on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, with a Microsoft Forms Survey link to complete the yes or no Pre-Survey. Check with all Food Distribution Contacts to see who is completing the survey. The majority of USDA Foods selected on the Pre-Survey, will be placed on the Annual Survey released in February.

**Entitlement Updated:** USDA has reconciled the Total Lunches Served for school year 23-24. If your school district's Total Lunches Served increased in the 23-24 school year, there will be an increase in your school district's 24-25 entitlement. iCAN has been updated to reflect the reconciled Total Lunches Served. Call the Food Distribution Office with any questions.

Make sure to receipt your DoD Fresh/FFAVORS order within 7 days of your delivery and your USDA Foods delivery within 5 days of delivery.

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

Be on the lookout for the training registration and banner survey information!

### 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.

### Upcoming Trainings or Calls:

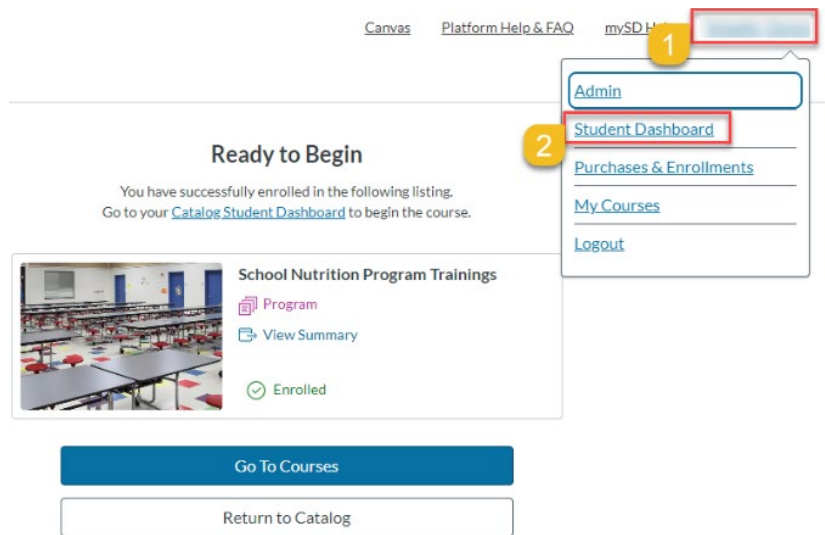
**Check in with CANS Zoom calls** occur on the first Thursday of each month at 2:30pm CT / 1:30pm MT. New [Zoom link](#) for SY2024-25 – Meeting ID: 984 7563 6311, Passcode: 317903. Check in with CANS calls months and dates for this year:

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

\*Adjusted to second Thursday of the month due to holiday

**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:**
  - Use the "Categories" drop down to select Child and Adult Nutrition Services to filter training options.
  - Click "enroll" in the trainings you want to take.
  - 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.

**North Dakota Team Nutrition Grant:** South Dakota and North Dakota have partnered together on a training grant. Grant coordinator Emily Karel wasn't able to be here today, but she did record a video to share with you all.

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