Memorandum:

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To: All School Food Service Administrators/Managers

From: April D. Catchings, Division Director, Office of Child Nutrition

Subject: NutriKids® Update and Mississippi Recipes for Success

The Mississippi Department of Education’s (MDE) Office of Child Nutrition (OCN) is excited to announce the completed update to the MRS Recipes online and the NutriKids® database of ingredients and recipes. Update can be found on the MDE OCN website in the Mississippi Recipes for Success (MRS) section, [https://www.mdek12.org/OCN/OP/MRS](https://www.mdek12.org/OCN/OP/MRS). Reminders: “.1” after a recipe number indicates that USDA Foods ingredients are used; “.2” is for recipes with USDA Beef Crumbles; and “.3” is used for recipes for DOD and Farm to School produce.

All MRS recipes have been renumbered. There are now at least four unused numbers between each recipe number and additional unused numbers between different categories and subcategories. This will allow additional recipes to be added between existing recipes. The categories for recipes have stayed the same. Links to cross-reference files with the new numbers corresponding to recipes names in MRS online and the NK database are on the MRS webpage.

The categories and new ranges of recipe numbers are below:

- Milk – 100 to 199
- Beef – 1000 to 1499
- Fish – 1500 to 1999
- Pizza – 2000 to 2499
- Pork – 2500 to 2999
- Poultry – 3000 to 3499
- Salads – 3500 to 3999
- Sandwiches – 4000 to 4499
- Soup – 4500 to 4999
- Vegetarian – 5000 to 5499
- Vegetables – 5500 to 6499
- Fruit – 6500 to 6999
- Grains – 7000 to 7499
- Desserts – 7500 to 7999
- Condiments and “other” – 8000 to 8499
- Breakfast – 8500 and higher

Both the MRS recipe database in NutriKids® and the MRS recipes online ([https://mrs.mdek12.org](https://mrs.mdek12.org)) have been reviewed and changes made where necessary in recipe.
number ("MRS number"), ingredients, ingredient measurements, directions, crediting, and other areas for consistency.

**Data files** to be imported into NutriKids® include updated ingredients and all renumbered recipes for different purchasing regions on the MRS website. There are **two recipe data files for each region**. School Food Authorities may also choose to download the whole May 2021 database (**remember that this will delete the existing database**).

Changes in the OCN website have been made in the downloading process for all data files, so follow the updated downloading instructions. Check with District IT staff if you have problems unzipping the data base files. Please make sure that you have the most recent version of NutriKids® (version 20.4). If not, contact Heartland Payment Systems for version 20.4 of NutriKids®.

If errors are noted in either the NK database or MRS online, please contact MRSHelp@mdek12.org

The Office of Child Nutrition continues to explore options for including the Mississippi Recipes for Success in MOSAIC Back of the House. We will have further updates at a later date.

To help add new recipes to the MRS database, check the Test Recipe page on the MRS website: [https://www.mdek12.org/OCN/OP/MRS/MRS-Test-Recipes](https://www.mdek12.org/OCN/OP/MRS/MRS-Test-Recipes), then download one of the recipes and the evaluation form. Test the recipe in a site and email the completed form and any photos of the results to MRSHelp@mdek12.org. MRS is an evolving toolkit. Ideas for new recipes or resources can also be submitted to MRSHelp@mdek12.org

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