

# Welcome to State Conference 2023



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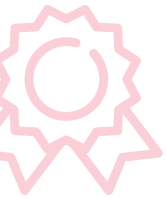
## VISION

To create a world-class educational system that gives students the knowledge and skills to be successful in college and the workforce, and to flourish as parents and citizens



## MISSION

To provide leadership through the development of policy and accountability systems so that all students are prepared to compete in the global community



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**ALL** Students Proficient and Showing Growth in All Assessed Areas



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**EVERY** Student Graduates from High School and is Ready for College and Career



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**EVERY** Child Has Access to a High-Quality Early Childhood Program

**EVERY** School Has Effective Teachers and Leaders

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**EVERY** Community Effectively Uses a World-Class Data System to Improve Student Outcomes

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**EVERY** School and District is Rated “C” or Higher

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# Housekeeping Details:

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- QR Code Sign-In
- Training Materials
- Silence all Cell Phones
- Keep side-bar conversations to a minimum
- Ask Questions (“I have a Question Card”)
- Restrooms
- Refreshments Break

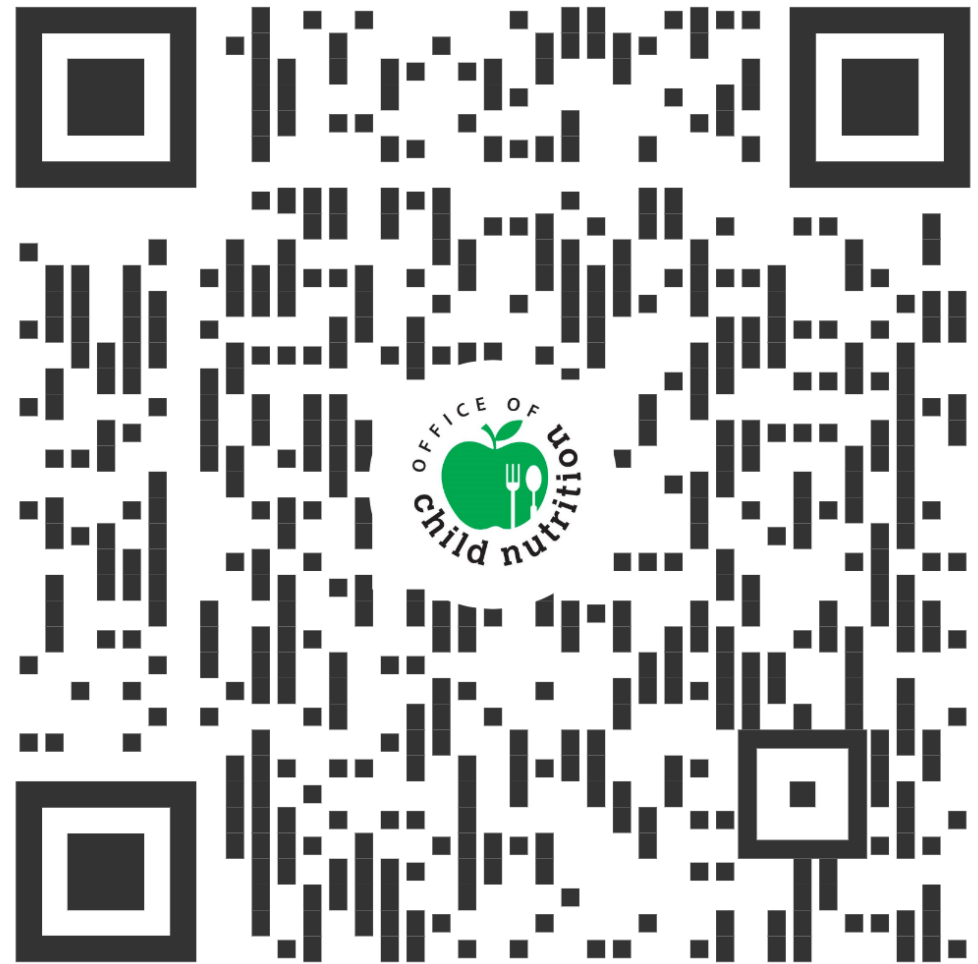




# State Conference 2024

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Let us know your  
thoughts!



# Updates from School Support

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# Policy

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Updates from USDA

# Policy Memos Issued by USDA in the last year

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See handout



POLICY GUIDANCE ISSUED BY USDA - JULY 2022 through JULY 2023					
Date	Code	SNP	SFSP	Title	Notes
7/7/2022	SP 15-2022	✓		Second Allocation of SCA funds to Alleviate Supply Chain Disruptions in the SMPs	payment has already been dispersed to SFAs
7/8/2022	SP 14-2022	✓		FY 2022 NSLP EAGs for SFAs	
9/16/2022	FINAL RULE		✓	Final Rule: Streamlining Program Requirements and Improving Integrity in the SFSP	FINAL RULE - made major changes to the SFSP
9/20/2022	SP 16/2022	✓		Third Allocation of SCA Funds to Alleviate Supply Chain Disruptions in the SMP	payment has already been dispersed to SFAs
10/4/2022	Q&A	✓	✓	Q&A on Alternate Protein Products	
#####	SP 01-2023	✓		Notice of Additional Funding for FY 2022 EAGs for SFAs	
1/6/2023	Rates		✓	SFSP Reimbursement Rates	effective for calendar year 2023
1/23/2023	SP 02-2023	✓		Determining Eligibility for Severe Need Reimbursement Rates for the SBP and the Two Cent Differential Reimbursement for the NSLP in SY 2023-2024	will inform which districts/sites are eligible for these additional payments in the upcoming SY
2/7/2023	Proposed Rule	✓		Comment Request on Proposed Rule: CNPs - Revisions to Meal Patterns Consistent with the 2020 DGAs	originally set for April 10, 2023; the public comment period was later extended to May 10, 2023
2/15/2023	CACFP 02-2023	✓		Offlight Monitoring of the CACFP and SMPs after the Public Health Emergency Ends	Public Health Emergency ended on May 11, 2023
2/17/2023	SP 04-2023		✓	FY 2023 Reallocation of SAE Funds in CNPs	only affects the SA
2/28/2023	CACFP 04-2023	✓		Implementation Guidance: Summer 2023 Non-Congregate Meal Service in Rural Areas- REVISED	
3/3/2023	SP 06-2023 CACFP 05-2023 SFSP 02-2023	✓	✓	Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023: Effect on CNPs	This memo includes information regarding: -Starchy Vegetables at Breakfast, -PLE, -Non-Congregate SFSP, and the -establishment of a Permanent Summer EBT program
3/7/2023	SFSP 03-2023		✓	Guidance on Performance Standards, Budgets, and Management Plans in the SFSP	
3/14/2023	SP 08-2023	✓	✓	Free or Low-Cost Internet Services Available to All Households with Kids at Schools Participating in the CEP	
3/17/2023	SP 09-2023	✓		CEP: Statutory Annual Notification and Publication Requirements and SY 2023-24 Election Deadline	
3/20/2023	SP 07-2023 CACFP 06-2023 SFSP 04-2023	✓	✓	UEI Transition	
3/23/2023	SP 10-2023	✓		Updated Title 1 Guidance for Making Within District Allocations	CEP districts may wish to conduct a "local survey" to obtain additional income data on enrolled students for Title 1 purposes. This local survey would not be considered a "meal application", and the cost could not be incurred by the CN department
3/23/2023	Proposed Rule	✓		CNPs: CEP - Increasing Options for Schools	Proposes to expand the CEP by lowering the minimum ISP participation threshold from 40% to 25%. The proposed rule does not increase payments or provide additional funding, so LEAs interested in participating in the CEP with a lower ISP must still consider financial viability. Public comment period ended May 8, 2023.
3/31/2023	Proposed Rule	✓		Extension of Comment Period - CNP Revisions to Meal Patterns Consistent with 2020 DGAs	comment period closed on May 10, 2023
4/3/2023	SFSP 05-2023		✓	SFSP Best Practices for Meal Claim Verification and Ensuring Properly Payable Claims	
4/5/2023	SP 11-2023	✓		PLE: Guidance for SY 2023-2024	USDA granted an exception - only SFAs that had a negative balance as of June 30, 2022 shall be required to establish prices in accordance with the PLE regulation.
4/6/2023	SP 12-2023	✓		Oversight and Monitoring of the SMPs - Information Regarding Onsite and Offsite Strategies and Options	
4/6/2023	SFSP 06-2023		✓	Oversight and Monitoring of the SFSP - Guidance on On-Site And Off-Site Strategies and Options	

# Policy Memos Issued by USDA in the last year

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## Key Highlights

- New Final Rule for SFSP (major changes)
- Severe Need/ 2 Cent Differential for SY 23/24
- Public Comment – Meal Pattern Updates
- Starchy Veg at Breakfast
- Non-Congregate SFSP
- Permanent Summer EBT
- Public Comment - Proposed Changes to CEP
- Title 1 Guidance for CEP Schools



## 4<sup>th</sup> Round



- Advance notice given to SA, although final announcement has not yet been published by USDA
- Attestation form required (fill out before you leave State Conference!)
- Same rules apply
  - Minimally processed, domestic products (no exceptions!)
  - Must track expenses
- Revenue Code for SCA Funds: 4495

# Applications

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Updates & Reminders

## Annual Contract in MARS



- Please complete your NSLP / SBP / ASCP in MARS
- Especially important to complete quickly if you operate in July
- Please be patient with and responsive to your PS
- SA Staff Changes. Who is going to work your contract?
  - Yumetrice > Taquasia
  - Jimmy > Shon
  - Chelsea > Tina



# What to upload with annual application

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## Checklist for Success!

- Permanent Agreement (any recent personnel changes?)
- Designated Administrative Titles
- Public Notification
- Health Inspections (2 from Prior Year)
- Single Audit (orgs receiving more than 750K in federal funds)
- 2 pg. Agreement to Furnish Foods to CACFP Org (if applicable)
- FSMC annual renewal (if applicable)
- RCCIs only – license to operate from cognizant agency
- Must have current non-discrimination statement on your website!



## Affects Site Names

- “**NES**” – no enrolled students
  - Students are not enrolled at this site, they visit it for part of the day. Their MSIS number is assigned to another site
  - example: magnet school for gifted students, or community college dual enrollment
- “**ALT**” – alternative school
  - Students enrolled at their regular school and sent to alternative school for a short period of time
- “**MAS**” – serving multiple academic sites
  - One cafeteria is serving 2 or more academic sites
  - Example: the middle school and the high school eat at one cafeteria, but are listed separately with MDE and in MSIS for academic purposes

**Why are we doing this? The sites listed in MARS (cafeteria sites) do not necessarily align with MDE Academic sites (as listed in MSIS)**



## Must have permission to operate from Health Department

- Applicable to alternative schools or any time you are putting meals into a vehicle and serving them somewhere else
- Contact Serena Johnson (MSDH Food Protection)
  - 601-576-7689
  - [serena.johnson@msdh.ms.gov](mailto:serena.johnson@msdh.ms.gov)
- Provide clear descriptions of all your plans
- Health Department will approve plans as stated. If you deviate from that plan, you do NOT have health department approval



# Lower or Eliminate the Reduced Meal Charge

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SP 17-2014

**Request to Lower or Eliminate Reduced Price Student Meal Charges (as defined in SP 17-2014)**

Organization / SFA Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. The Organization/SFA seeks approval from the State Agency (SA) to: (select one)

☐ Lower the reduced price student meal charge to \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Lunch) and \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Breakfast)  
7 CFR 245.2 (2) specifies that the reduced price shall not exceed 40 cents for lunch and 30 cents for breakfast.

☐ Eliminate the reduced price student meal charge

2. The plan to lower or eliminate the reduced price student meal charge will apply to: (select one)

☐ All sites within the organization/SFA

☐ Select sites within the organization/SFA (attach list)

**CERTIFICATIONS** (select all below to certify)

☐ The plan to lower or eliminate the reduced price student meal charge has received Board Approval on the following date: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ The Organization/SFA understands that the federal reimbursement for meals served to students determined eligible for reduced meals will remain the same.

☐ The Organization/SFA understands that expenditures associated with covering the reduced price student payments may be funded from the non-profit school food service account.

☐ The Organization/SFA has conducted an analysis of current and projected operating costs to ensure that they are able to maintain operations and meal quality without the revenue generated from charging students for reduced price meals.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Superintendent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Superintendent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Child Nutrition Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Child Nutrition Director


\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**STATE AGENCY USE ONLY**

Signature of Approving Official: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Once approved, this request will remain in effect in perpetuity without the need for annual renewal.  
This Institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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- Not required to collect payments from Reduced – eligible children
- Must be financially viable, because you will not get any additional reimbursement
- **SA has a NEW FORM you can complete if you want to eliminate or lower reduced payments**
- **MUST** be board approved

## Can request to carry an excess balance from SA

- SA has the authority to allow an SFA to carry an excess balance (7 CFR 210.19(a))
- Complete the request form and submit to the SA



# Operations

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Updates & Reminders

As CND, you should be checking regularly for completion and accuracy

- SA recommends monthly meetings or check ins with managers
- Unannounced visits are very effective
- Make sure column 8 matches correct contribution in standardized recipe
- Make sure they are not deviating from planned menu
  - if so, documenting in comments
- Make sure managers are recording recipe numbers
  - whether they are MRS or local recipes



# Sack Lunches on the Last Day of School

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Might be convenient; might not be allowable!

- You can give them a sack lunch, but they can't leave campus
- Congregate rules still apply for NSLP, even on the last day of school
- Non-Congregate requires a waiver from USDA
- You might be asking - "why are field trips allowed?"
  - Field trips constitute congregate feeding (*all eating together on the bus or in a park or at a museum*)
  - Students taking food home with them is non-congregate





# Serving Chips in the NSLP

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## We see this a lot during Field Trips

- Chips are not a Vegetable!
- Chips can sometimes be a grain...but not always
- You can serve food in the NSLP (like potato chips) that do not contribute to a defined component (*not the case in SFSP*)
- Reasoning behind this is sometimes you just need to increase your calories in the NSLP
  - Offering Chips / Jello / Pudding in the NSLP is considered an extra food, not a component contribution
- You are not exempt from the Meal Pattern, just because you are going on a field trip.
- If you are packing a sack lunch for a field trip, **DON'T FORGET TO PACK A VEGETABLE!**



## Staff who are paid out of CN funds are eligible for in-kind meals

People who typically would NOT receive an in kind meal:

- Janitors
- School Resource Officers
- Superintendents
- Board Members
- Principals
- Teachers

If your district would like to provide free meals to these individuals as a courtesy, the district **MUST** reimburse CN for the provision of those meals. Invoices/payments will be reviewed during an audit.



## Not Allowed

- Can't withhold meals
- Not required to feed students who are suspended at home, but
- children in In-School-Suspension (ISS) should receive the same access to meals



# Meal Charge Policy

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## MDE Memo issued May 4, 2023 (22-27-CN)

- Non-Provision (Pricing) Districts MUST have a local meal charge policy
- Implementation and enforcement of policy is left to district
- When drafting the policy, the district should balance competing goals of:
  - Maintaining access to meals
  - Decreasing accrual of bad debt
- May Consider Eliminating the Reduced Price Meal Charge (apply through SA)
- May consider limiting the number of meals a student can charge
- May Consider serving alternate meals
  - If alt meal is served at no additional cost to student, the cost is allowable for the NPSFSA, but the meal served must be reimbursable. If not reimbursable, must find non-federal source of funds for “no-cost-to-student” provision.
  - Cost of provision of alt meals can be added to student debt to decrease strain on NPSFSA



# Bringing In Outside Food

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## Policy is left to Local Control



- We get lots of questions about this every fall from CNDs and LEA admins
- There is no USDA regulation that prohibits or restricts outside food
- Many districts include language restricting outside food in their Wellness Policy or Student Handbook, however, **IMPLEMENTATION and ENFORCEMENT of this policy is left to Local Control!**

## May Donate but only under specific conditions

- It is incumbent upon the SFSA to ensure that the entity is an established non-profit.
- Only perishable foods that cannot reasonably be expected to be used by the CN program before their expiration date can be donated
- The SFA may not buy additional foods to serve so that certain foods may be donated (*i.e. make sure you or managers aren't over-ordering*)
- Should the district decide to donate food, the following steps must be taken:
  - Notify the SA of the items and quantities to be donated
  - Provide a reason these foods cannot be used by the program
  - Verify the non-profit's status (Active 501(c)(3); Registration with the SOS)
  - Receive a receipt on letterhead detailing all items and quantities donated
  - Keep records of all purchase, dates, etc. in the event of a review



## FSMC

- Lots of districts interested in switching to FSMC
- RFPs should be pre-approved by SA
- Contracts **MUST** be pre-approved by SA

Remind your districts, especially if you are seeking a "cost reimbursable contract", that there is a high degree of self-monitoring. We will check during AR/PR to make sure all reimbursed costs are allowable.



## Don't forget to Convene Your Health Councils or Assess your LSWP!

- Federal Requirement: must assess LSWP triennially (SP 24-2017)
- State Requirement: must assess LSWP annually (MS Code 37-13-134)
- LSWP Template:
  - [https://www.mdek12.org/sites/default/files/documents/OCN/wellness-policy-guide\\_nov\\_2021\\_updated\\_sd\\_1.pdf](https://www.mdek12.org/sites/default/files/documents/OCN/wellness-policy-guide_nov_2021_updated_sd_1.pdf)
  - *SFAs that are not accredited by MDE should ask their PS for a simplified LSWP template that includes only federal (not state) requirements.*
- LSWP Assessment Template
  - [https://www.mdek12.org/sites/default/files/documents/OHS/Home/Resource/s/mississippi-healthy-school-self-assessment\\_20151019093438\\_594915%20\(1\).doc](https://www.mdek12.org/sites/default/files/documents/OHS/Home/Resource/s/mississippi-healthy-school-self-assessment_20151019093438_594915%20(1).doc)





# Meal Apps & Verification

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Updates & Reminders



## MSIS

- MSIS is back up and running!
- Contact OTSS if you have having issues
- Remember to run and save DC list often if:
  - Base year Prov 2
  - Your CEP cycle expires in June of 2024



# Meal Application Distribution

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We know you get a lot of pressure from your district, but....

- You **CANNOT** distribute apps prior to July 1!
- Example: you cannot have a PreK registration in April, hold those apps until July, and then count them toward the next SY
- Any application obtained prior to July 1 would count for the prior SY, not the upcoming SY.



# SNAP numbers on Apps / Verification for Cause

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## Pg. 34 & 99 of Eligibility Manual

- Must Provide meal free meal benefits based on SNAP number on application
- Review the case number to see if it appears legitimate and has the correct number of digits. (ex. 123456789 is suspicious)
- Try your best to locate the child on the DC list (this removes them from Verification pool)
- If you can't find them on the DC list, you have the option to verify them for cause (separate from the formal Verification process)



# Households that Fail to Apply

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## 7 CFR 245.6 (d); pg. 42 of Eligibility Manual



- Local School official may complete an app for a child known to be eligible for meal benefits, if the family has not applied.
- Intended for LIMITED USE IN INDIVIDUAL SITUATIONS – must NOT be used to make eligibility determinations for categories or groups of children
- These apps are excluded from Verification; but total number must be reported on 3-3 of Verification Report (“Non Applicant but approved by Local Officials”)

# SOPs for obtaining Categorical Eligibility Documentation

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Came up during Several ARs this past year

- Should have internal procedure for obtaining foster and homeless documentation from your designated district representative (Typically the McKinney Vento Coordinator)
- Should not be scrambling to find this information during an AR; it should already be on file



# Household Notification of Verification (Letter)

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## Required Element (pg. 106 of Eligibility Manual)

- A telephone number the household can call at no cost for assistance
  - The LEA may **establish a toll free number or allow the household to reverse the charges** if any households in the LEA are outside the local calling area
  - The LEA may also provide different telephone numbers for each local calling area within the LEA



# Verification Sample Size

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The following Districts are Eligible for An Alternate Sample Size in SY 23/24



BALDWYN SEPARATE SCHOOL DIST

CALHOUN CO SCHOOL DISTRICT

CORINTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

E.E. Rogers Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) School

ENTERPRISE CONS SCHOOL DIST

GULFPORT SEPARATE SCHOOL DIST

HANCOCK CO SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL- MARSHALL

NATIVITY B.V.M ELEMENTARY SCHL

NESHOBA CO SCHOOL DISTRICT

NETTLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SCHOOL

PETAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

PINEY WOODS COUNTRY LIFE SCH

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC

RICHTON SEPARATE SCHOOL DIST

RON'S BROTHERS ACADEMY

SISTER THEA BOWMAN CATHOLIC SC

SMITH CO SCHOOL DISTRICT

SOUTH TIPPAAH SCHOOL DISTRICT

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

STARKVILLE OKTIBBEHA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

THE REDEEMER'S SCHOOL

UNION PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

UNITY MB CHURCH OF ELIZABETH

WATER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

WILKINSON CO CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

**PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED! APPLY IN THE BACK!**



# Procurement

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Updates & Reminders

## Notes from the State Auditor



- District MUST document due diligence when it comes to checking for debarment and suspension of vendors.
- Talk with your Business Manager about this
- If a private vendor wants to do business with a school district, they are going to have to register in SAM.gov

# Aggregate Procurement Thresholds

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## Aggregate totals matter – not per transaction amount

- If you are only looking at per transaction amount, it is easy to make a mistake
- Need to do accurate forecasting at the beginning of the year to see if you anticipate exceeding the threshold
- What is an emergency and what requires quotes?  
Must know what is written in your Procurement Plan



# Aggregate Procurement Thresholds

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For Example....



Vendor	Date	Amount	YTD Total or "Aggregate"
L & M Equipment	Aug 5, 2023	\$2,467.24	\$2,467.24
L & M Equipment	Sep 8, 2023	\$1,628.24	\$4,095.48
L & M Equipment	Oct 6, 2023	\$1,054.67	*\$5,150.15
L & M Equipment	Nov 14, 2023	\$251.61	\$5,401.76
L & M Equipment	Dec 2, 2023	\$45,478.02	\$50,879.78
L & M Equipment	Jan 4, 2024	\$28,162.05	**\$79,041.83
L & M Equipment	Feb 18, 2024	\$4,615.84	\$83,657.67

\*By October they had exceeded the small purchase threshold

\*\*By January, they had exceeded the formal purchase threshold

# Finances

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Updates & Reminders

# NSLP Reimbursement Rates

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SY 2023/2024 – published by USDA on 7/7/2023



	Less than 60% + PBR	60% + PBR	<i>Less than prior year (KKFA temporary increase)</i>
Free	\$4.33	\$4.35	<i>-\$0.08</i>
Red	\$3.93	\$3.95	<i>-\$0.08</i>
Paid	\$0.48	\$0.50	<i>-\$0.37</i>

Commodity Rate:

# Severe Need Reimbursement & 2 Cent Differential

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## What's up with the difference in the rates?



**SEVERE NEED:** Schools are eligible for severe need **breakfast** reimbursement rates if 40% or more of NSLP lunches served to students during the second preceding SY were at the F/R rate.

**TWO CENT DIFFERENTIAL:** Schools are eligible for two cent differential **lunch** reimbursement if 60% or more of NSLP lunches served in the second preceding SY at the F/R rate.

Guidance from SP 02-2023: For schools that did not operate the NSLP during SY 2021-22, SA must use data from SY 2022-23 to establish eligibility for severe need reimbursement in SY 2023-24. SAs must use at least three claims from SY 2022-23 to determine eligibility.

# SBP Reimbursement Rates

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SY 2023/2024 – published by USDA on 7/7/2023



	Non-Severe Need	Severe Need	<i>Non-Severe Need less than prior year</i>	<i>Severe Need less than prior year</i>
Free	\$2.28	\$2.73	+\$0.02	+\$0.06
Red	\$1.98	\$2.43	+\$0.02	+\$0.06
Paid	\$0.38	\$0.38	-\$0.12	-\$0.12



## Cannot Update the Calculator tool right now

- Waiting on commodity rate from USDA
- Meal reimbursement rates saw a significant increase this year
  - Even though they are still lower than KKFA from last year
  - This will have an effect on your adult meal cost calculation
- We understand that you won't have time to update adult rates before school starts
- Do your best! At worst, the SA will provide TA



# Loaning Funds to the District

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## Strict limitations on loaning money from NPSFSA to other funds

- Must be pre-approved by SA
- Short Duration (less than 1 year)
- Reasonable interest charged



## Can be Problematic depending on the Program and Purpose

- Purchase of water bottles for adult consumption, or even student consumption outside of the NSLP/SBP, is NOT an allowable cost.
  - If this is happening, the district should be purchasing these water bottles from you
  - Should not be supplying bottles for classrooms or the school nurse
- CN staff are entitled to in-kind meals; but water is not part of the meal pattern
- Free potable water is a requirement for NSLP, but it is NOT required for SFSP. So you should not be providing free water bottles in the SFSP. This is an unallowable cost.



# Disposing of Old Equipment

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## Subtitle



- If Equipment has remaining useful life, it can be used for other federal programs without issue. Just move it off CN inventory
- If the Equipment has remaining useful life and the district wants to use it for non-federal purposes, the district must pay CN useful life/fair market price

# Resources

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Available to You

# Resources Available in "Download Forms"

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Can Access at any time in MARS

- Open MARS > SNP > Applications > Download Forms



Form ID	Description	Last Modified	New Organization?
SNP 0002	Designated Administrative Title Form	07/06/2023	Y
SNP-0001	Permanent Agreement - SNP	07/06/2023	Y

## Examples in the Back

- Utilizing Free Materials
- Team Nutrition Home: [Team Nutrition | Food and Nutrition Service \(usda.gov\)](https://www.teamnutrition.org/)
- Order Materials: [USDA Team Nutrition \(gpo.gov\)](https://www.usda.gov/teamnutrition)



## Everything a Principal or Superintendent needs to know about CN

- by popular request
- Available on the CN Website Soon!





Please visit these tables before you leave State Conference!

- SCA (highly encouraged)
- Alternate Sample Size for Verification (only if you qualify!)
- MARS Access and Emergency Contact (**EVERYONE!**)
- Excess Balance Request (highly encouraged)



# AR Updates

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Common Findings; Upcoming Schedule

- Biloxi
- Carroll
- Itawamba
- Jefferson Davis
- Kemper Co
- Lamar Co
- Leland
- Ms Schools for the Blind/Deaf
- North Bolivar
- North Tippah
- Noxubee
- Quitman
- Tunica
- West Bolivar
- Wilkinson Co Christian Academy
- Ron's Brothers

## SA conducted reviews

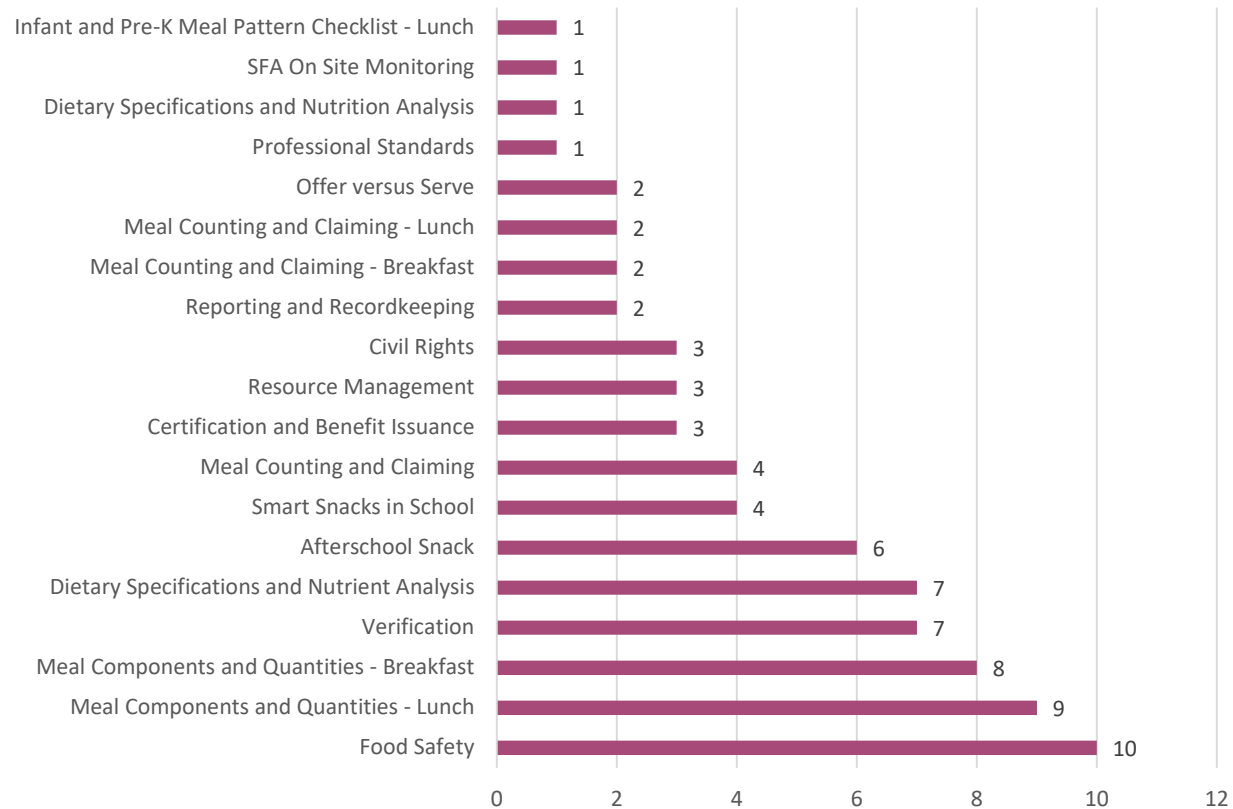


Reviewed **21** Organizations (SFAs)

Identified **78** Total Findings

## Food Safety (storage) typically area with most violations, Followed closely by Meal Components and Quantities

Violations Identified – SY 22/23



# Procurement Review Plans – SY 23/24

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Lead Reviewer – Deborah Newton

- See handout on Table



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## On the Tables



- USDA Policy / Memo List
- Circle/Square/Triangle
- AR / PR List
- Lower/Eliminate the Reduced Meal Charge Request Form (*Ask your PS for a copy*)





# Training and Program Outreach **UPDATES!**

- Managers Trained – **885**
- Total Professional Standards hours received 8 hours
  - Topics Covered:
    - Food Allergies-Accommodating Food Allergies in Schools
    - Dealing with Difficult People and Situations
    - Creating a Motivating Workplace

# DECIDE to Succeed 2023

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- **NEW** Managers & SFSA's Trained - **150**
- Professional Standards hours received: 28
  - Training hours over do not carry-over to the following year.

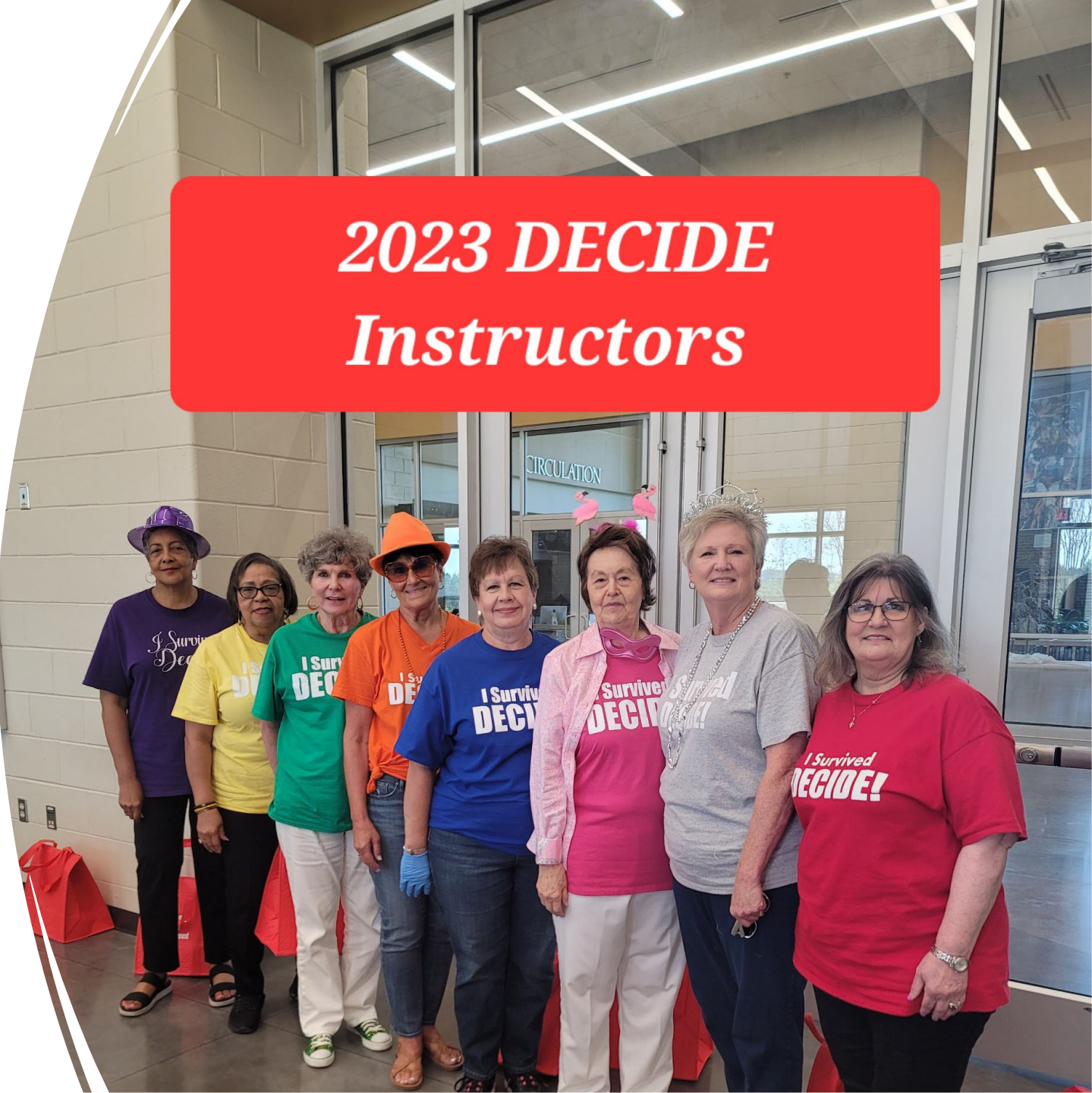


# The Awesome DECIDE Trainers!



- Stephanie Hoze.....Purple
- Mary Hill.....Yellow
- Evelina Cross.....Green
- Becke Bounds.....Orange
- Lynn Triplett.....Blue
- Jerry Cater.....Pink
- Lark Christian.....Silver
- Martha Montiforte.....Red

*2023 DECIDE  
Instructors*





# The **AMAZING** Rankin County School District “Lunchroom Ladies”

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- \* Nina Wall
- \* Monique Green
- \* Shannon Williams
- \* Cathleen Nixon
- \* Kim Woodruff (*not pictured*)





# PEP-Rally Day (They were READY)!

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# DECIDE Classes- Week 2



The Last Day is  
always a **BLAST!!**

Team Yellow-Wk 2



Team Pink-Week 2

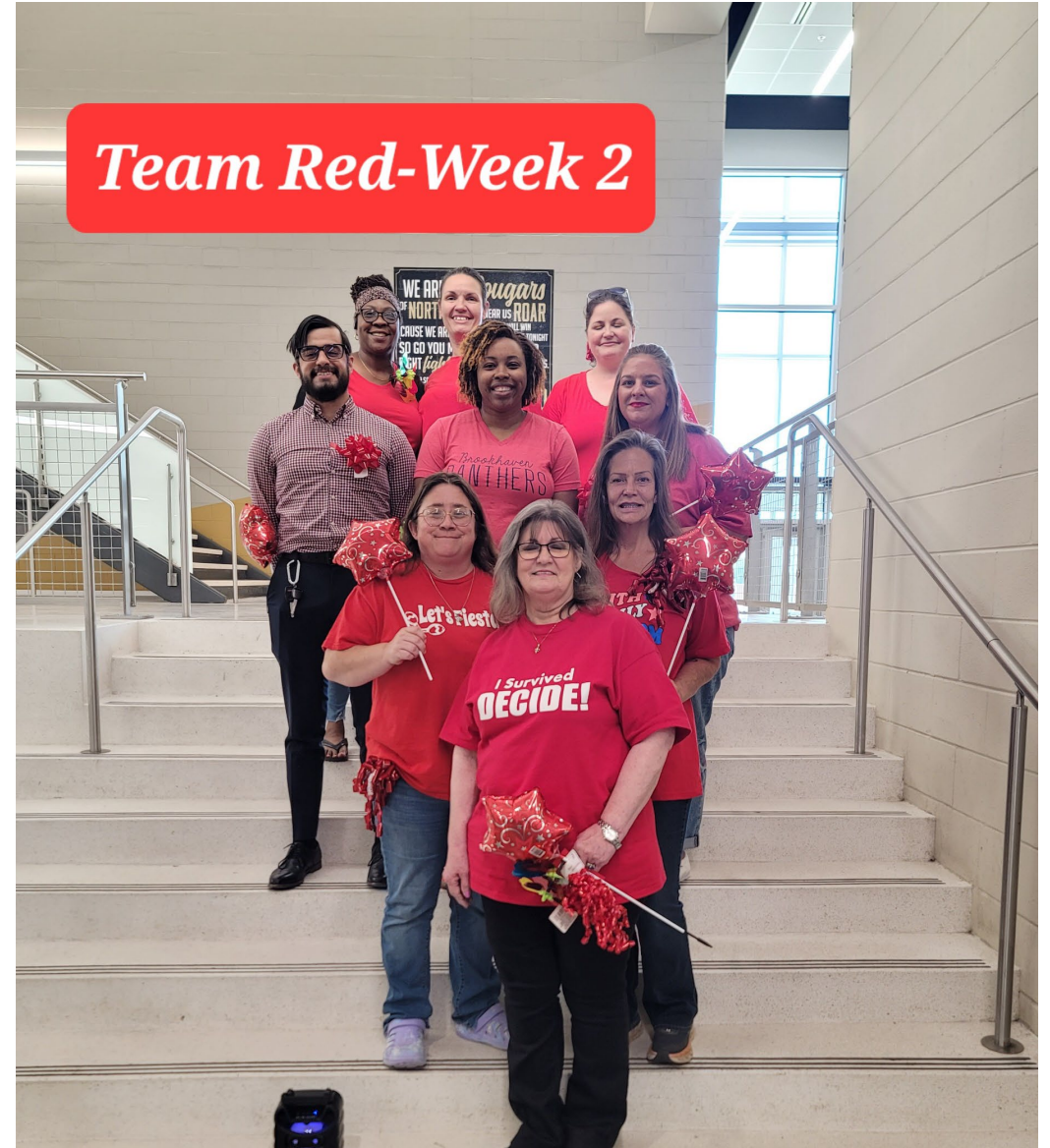




## Team Orange-Wk 2



## Team Red-Week 2





*Team Green-Week 2*



*Team Purple-Week 2*



The end of an  
**AMAZING**  
Two-Weeks of  
Training!

# USDA Professional Standards Training Tracker Tool (PSTTT)

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# What is *Professional Standards Training Tracker Tool (PSTTT)*? 72

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- Designed to help School Nutrition Professionals (SNP) track their annual training hours for professional standards as required by the ***Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act (HHFKA) 2010 (Section 306)***.



- An USDA **eAuthentication** account.
- New and existing users who have a USDA eAuthentication account can proceed to the Tool by clicking on the *'Login with eAuth Account'* button.
- If you **do not** have a USDA eAuthentication account, Visit USDA: <https://pstrainingtracker.fns.usda.gov/> ([Create Account](#)).
- You will immediately receive an email with a link to activate your account with one simple click.

- This tool is a **VOLUNTARY** tool?
- What can I use in the place of the PSTTT?
  - self generated forms (i.e. excel spread sheet, Microsoft Word Document, etc.)

- Title of Training
- PS Training Topics & Learning Codes (included in your folder).
- Person (s) providing the training
- Person (s) receiving the training
- Date of training
- Total training hours received for each employee

## How many PS hours are required annually by USDA & SA? 76

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- School Food Service Administrators (SFSAs).....12 hours
- Program Managers (PM).....10 hours
- Program Staff.....6 hours
- Part-time Staff (< 20 hours per week).....4 hours
- Satellite Managers (SM):
  - SM Training Agenda provided by OCN.
  - Agenda **must** be covered with the SM, formed signed and returned to OCN Training Director.



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# Making Connections between:

Cafeteria, Classroom, and Community

## Tomika Bell



Kenyetta Griffin



# What is farm to school?



**We help put locally grown  
food in our school cafeterias.**

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# Sourcing Farmers



You can buy local, direct from farmers.

## How:

- Farmer Co-Ops
- County Extension Agent
- Farmers Market
- Dept of Ed - Kenyetta
- MS Farm-to-School Network






# Using local products for school meals.







Join Us Oct 2nd - 6th

# Mississippi Farm to School Week Challenge

## PROCUREMENT CHALLENGE

Buy one locally grown food, feature it on your menu for the week, and host a farmer to join in on the fun



## GARDEN CHALLENGE

Host a lesson in your school garden and provide cooking demonstrations using local foods

## SUPREME CHALLENGE

Combine both the Procurement & Garden Challenge to become one of the challenge champs!







# Previous Farm to School Week Challenge Participants:





# Farm to ECE

## **FIG** (Farmer Implementation Grant)

- Recent partnership with MSDH

3,400 Children Served

79 ECE's impacted

125 ECE Educators impacted





We're a small team with a **big** network!



Join the movement and be a part of  
a growing network!



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📘 Mississippi Farm to School Network



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# Farm to School

## *USDA State Formula Grant*

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Farm to school implementation differs by location; however, it always includes one or more of the following:

1. **Procurement** of local foods.
2. **Educating** students during educational activities related to agriculture, food, health or nutrition.
3. **School gardens** to engage students in hands-on learning through gardening.



## Procuring Locally

- Define local
- Understand why local foods are important
- Know the type of local foods available
- Be sure to tap into the bounty of the local food economy without limiting competition.
- Competitive bidding requirements remain the same.

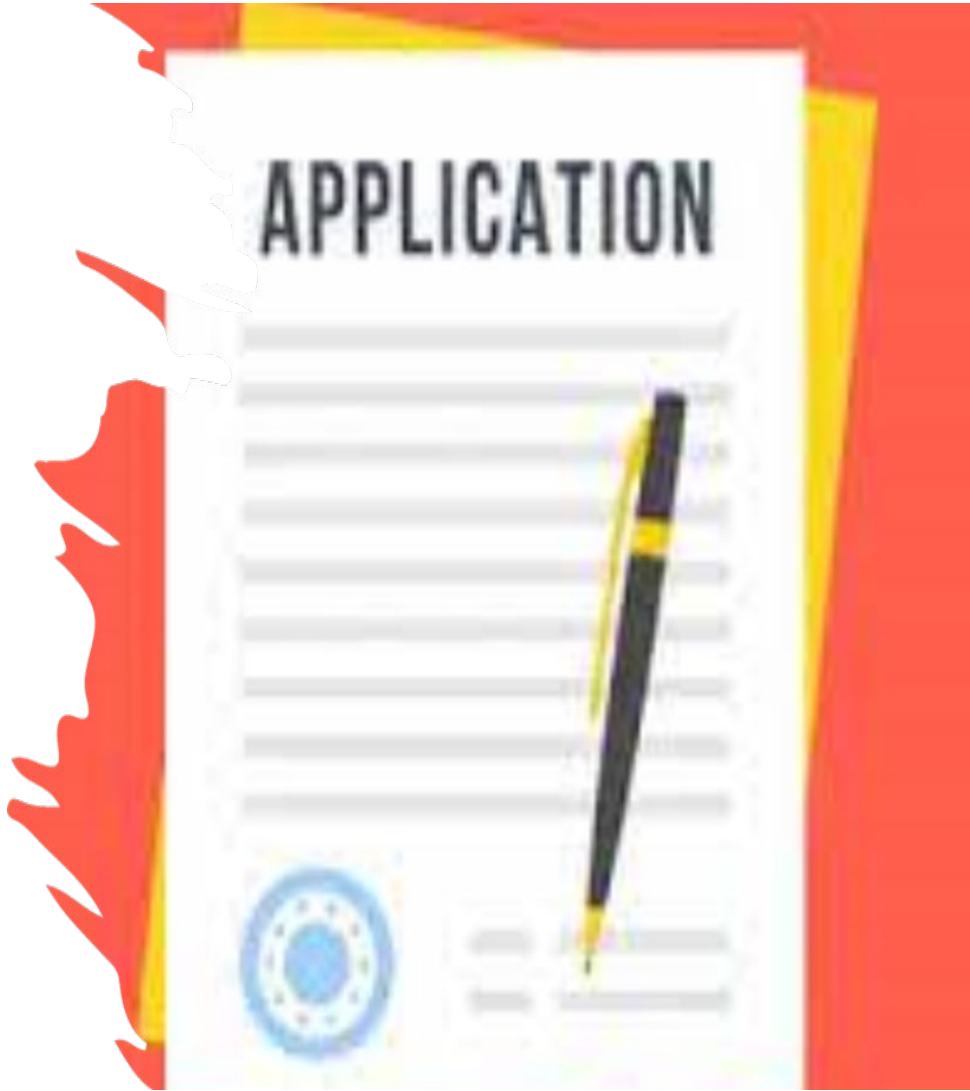




- As part of the American Rescue Plan Act (P.L. 117-2), FNS will provide **\$60 million** in funds to 54 State Agencies.
- Funds will support State Agency (SA) efforts to coordinate, build and increase participating institutions to procure and use local foods in program meals.
- SA/Child Nutrition will award 75 School Garden Mini Grants
  - **\$1,500**



Additional details on how to  
apply for the F2S Mini Grant  
COMING SOON!



- Taste Tests
- Cooking Camps
- Classroom Curriculum
- School Gardens
- Promote “**Local**”: Menus, Website, Social Media
- Engage Farmers and Growers





- School Administrators
- Teachers
- Food Service Employees
- Special Educators
- Farmers and Producers
- Parents
- Community Partners
- State Agency
- MS Farm to School Network



**Kids Win!**

**Farmers Win!**

**Communities Win!**

**WE ALL WIN!!!**



## MS Farm to School Network

[www.mississippifarmtoschool.org](http://www.mississippifarmtoschool.org)

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# MSIS 2.0: A Progress Report

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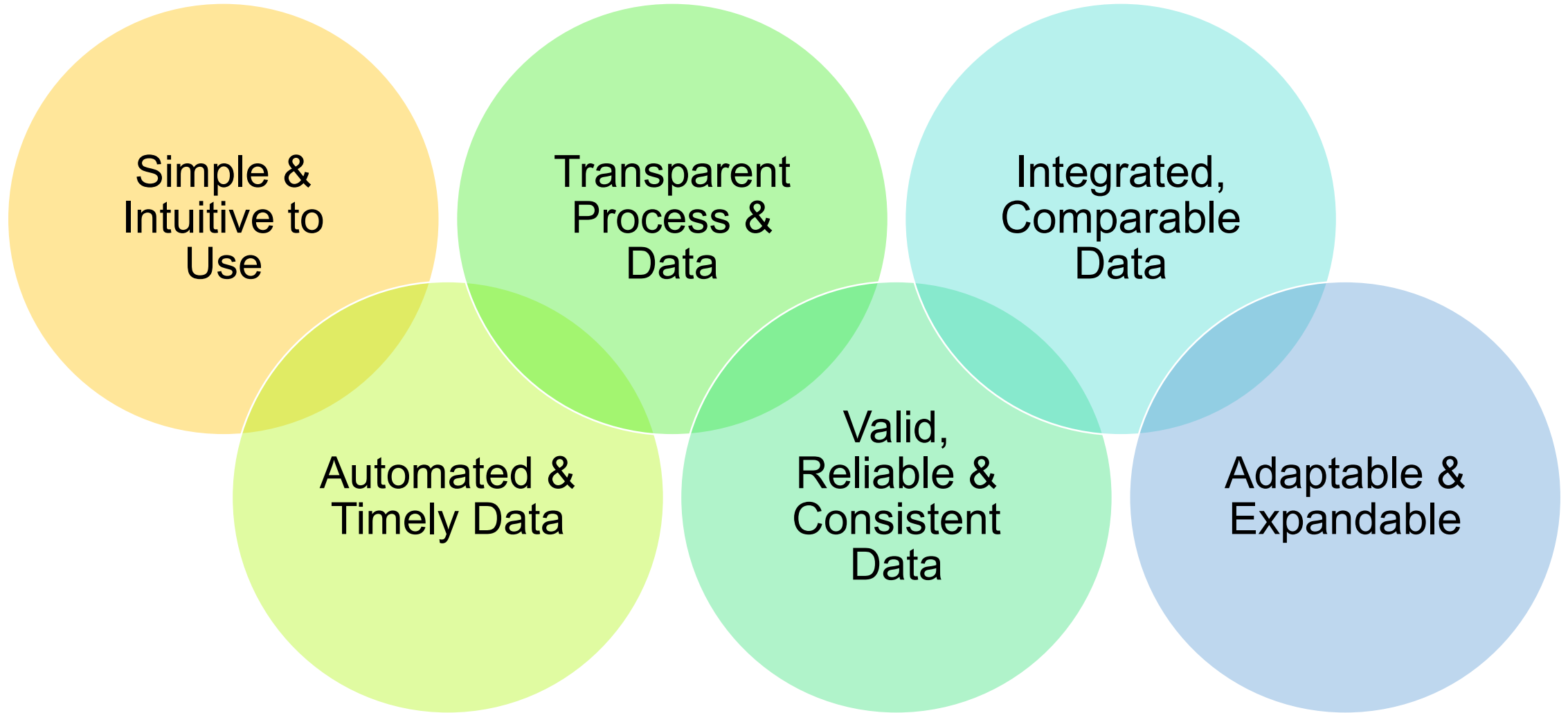
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Wednesday, July 19, 2023







 Home

 Data Submission ▼

 Reports ▼

Run a Report

 Students ▼

 Accreditation ▼

 Lisa ▼

# Welcome Lisa

09:30 AM Wednesday, April 10th, 2022



Files  
uploaded



MSIS IDs  
to review

[Review IDs](#)



Your data  
has errors

[Review Data](#)


Deadlines Up Next

**Tuesday, May 10th, 2022**

Incoming Kindergarten Students



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# Dashboards

Data last updated on June 16, 2022

Report Type

**Dashboards**

Profiles

Certification Reports

Assessment



Certified

Federal Programs



Certified

Special Education

Certified

Accountability



Not Certified

State Board Goals

Not Certified

Child Nutrition

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CTE

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Elementary Education

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Course Report

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Gray County

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2022-2023

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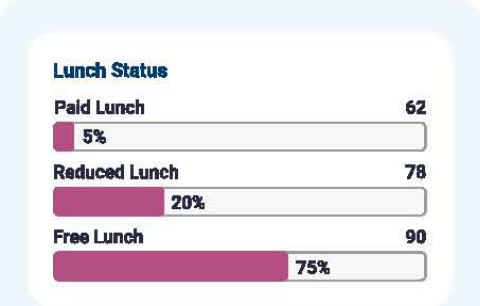
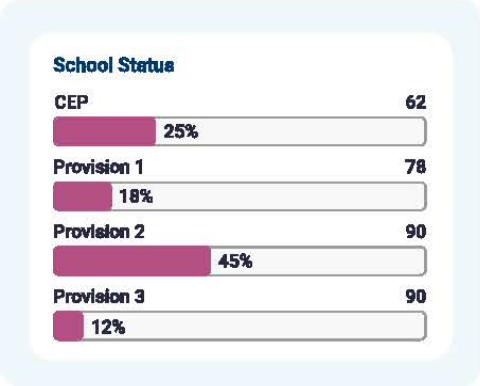
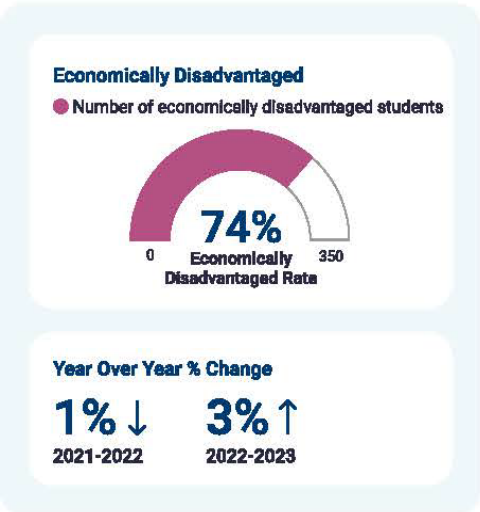
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Districts and School Report

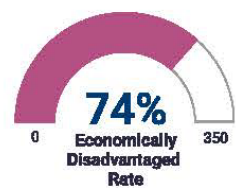
Name	Enrollment	% Paid Lunch	% Reduced Lunch	% Free Lunch	% Economically Disadvantage	% Direct Certification Match	High Poverty	Low Poverty	School Status
- District Name	255	25%	55%	20%	75%	70%	58%	17%	
School Name	85	15%	65%	10%	75%	75%	18%	57%	CEP
School Name	100	30%	50%	20%	70%	68%	24%	46%	CEP
School Name	70	15%	75%	10%	85%	82%	45%	40%	CEP
+ District Name	375	25%	50%	25%	75%	66%	18%	57%	
+ District Name	198	10%	75%	15%	90%	90%	76%	14%	
+ District Name	202	75%	25%	0%	25%	17%	10%	15%	
+ District Name	326	5%	65%	30%	95%	89%	32%	63%	

Student Report

Student Name	MSIS ID	Lunch Status	Direct Certification Match	School Status
- School Name				
+ School Name				
- School Name				
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Student Name	123456789	Free	Yes	CEP
Student Name	123456789	Reduced Lunch	Yes	CEP
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Economically Disadvantaged

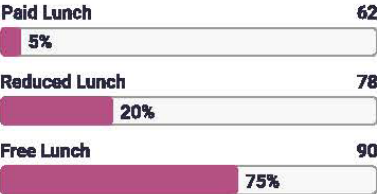
Number of economically disadvantaged students



Year Over Year % Change

1%↓ 3%↑  
2021-2022 2022-2023

Lunch Status



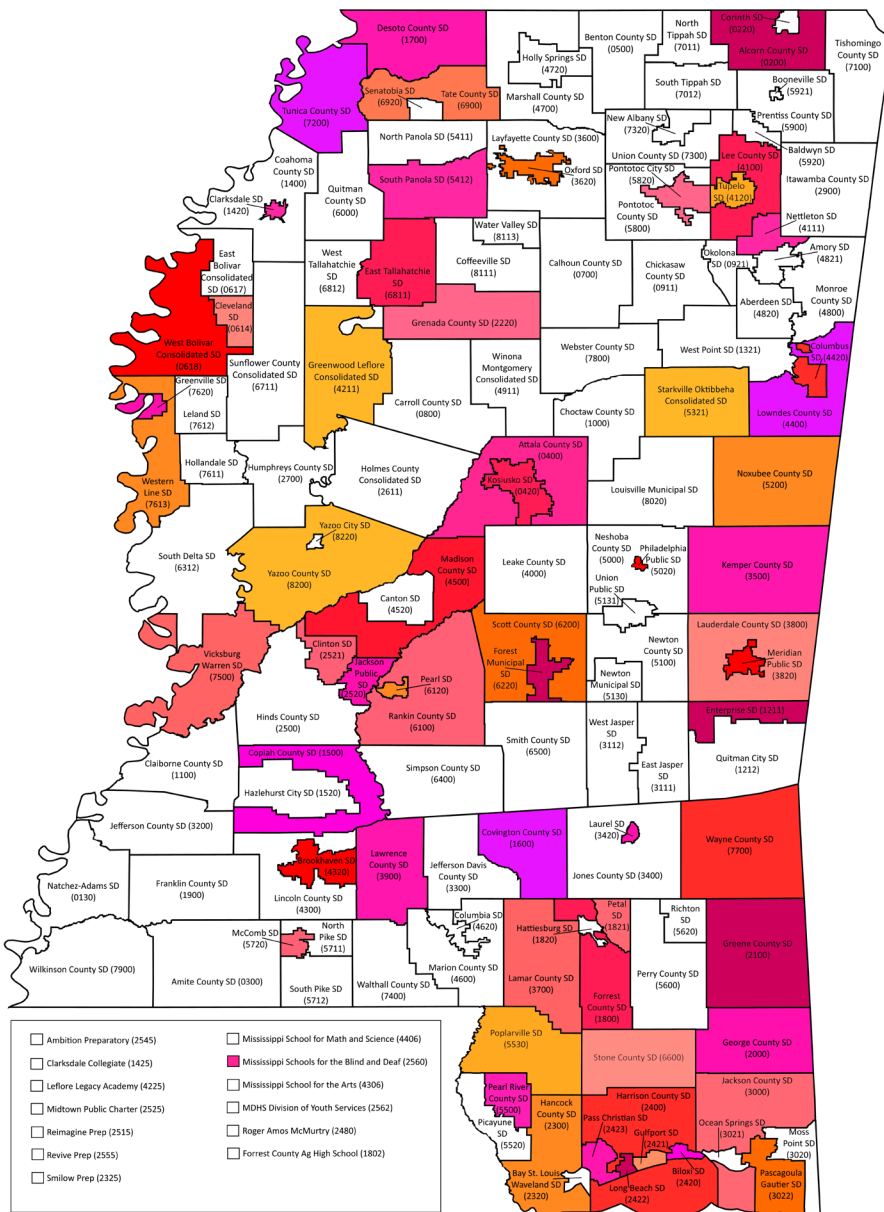
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# “Deep Dive” Sessions with MDE & WWT

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- Directly Engaging District Users
  - Child Nutrition
  - Accreditation
  - Assessment
  - CTE
  - Special Education
- Session recordings are available
- More sessions to come (44 additional districts in the next two weeks)!



- **Live Data** from Central Access and PowerSchool – Fall 2023
- **Training**
  - Run Parallel and Compare MSIS 1.0 to 2.0
  - Conferences, Roadshows, Online Sessions with district staff
  - Training, Training, and more Training for district staff
- **Live (Pilot) Data** from Other Systems – Spring 2024
- **Official Data / Cut over to MSIS 2.0 – July 2024**

Send your questions and ideas to [MSIS2@mdek12.org](mailto:MSIS2@mdek12.org).

**Also, request a link to the  
User Review and Feedback videos!**



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# Share Tables

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# Definition

## What is a Share Table?



- Students place unwanted items in designated location; other students are allowed to take those items at will
- Reduce Food Waste
  - Even if implementing OVS – students may still have to take items they don't want
- Provide Additional Servings for Students (*food insecurity, large appetite, need additional calories*)
- Not a requirement, but a best practice

# Federal Guidance

## On Share Tables

- food safety requirements outlined in 7 CFR 210.13, 220.7, 226.20(I), and 225.16(a);
- SP 41-2026
- FNS 786-6



Please note – SA guidelines on the use of share tables is **MORE RESTRICTIVE** than practices that are allowable in federal guidance.



# State Guidance – MDE/OCN

## State Policy Guidance

- Published July 2023
- Available on our website Soon!



# State Guidance - MSDH

## Must Follow Instructions of Environmentalist

- We defer to food safety expertise of MSDH
- Any instruction given by your Environmentalist must be followed!



# Staff Responsibilities

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Make sure you have the staff capacity to implement

- In Service Monitoring
- Temp Log
- Disposal



# Food Safety

## Must implement adequate Food Safe practices including:

- Written SOPs for saving and sharing food or beverage items that are consistent with the SFA's HACCP plan. The written HACCP plan must be specific to the operation of the share table and consistent with applicable federal, state, and local food safety requirements as well as food safety requirements outlined in 7 CFR 210.13, 220.7, 226.20(l), and 225.16(a);
- Maintenance of a separate area on the Share Table for hot/cold items to allow proper temperature control ( $\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$  for cold items and  $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$  for hot items).
- A temperature log of the temperature control mechanism(s) on the Share Table must be maintained with temps recorded at the beginning and end of each service period.





# Equipment / Infrastructure

Temperature control mechanisms can include:

- ice tub
- ice sheets
- cooler
- warmer



# Signage

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Required to indicate allowable/unallowable items



# Leftover Food

## What do I do with it?



- Must be immediately discarded
- MAY NOT be served and claimed for reimbursement during another meal service
- Under no circumstances should share table items be served, dispersed, or otherwise distributed to adults (including both program and non-program adults)
- Cannot be donated



# Student Consumption Restrictions

## Must be consumed in Cafeteria

- Items left on the shared table must be consumed by eligible students during the meal service period.
- Food items should not be picked up from the share table and carried to the classroom or other location outside of the cafeteria/shared eating space.



# Adult Consumption Exclusion

## Adults may not glean items from Share Table

- must implement Safeguards against consumption by adults (both program and non-program adults)
- must have written policy against adult consumption in either the
  - student handbook
  - faculty handbook
  - school wellness policy



# Allowable

## Food Items that can be left on Share Table



- unopened pre-packaged items such as a bag of baby carrots or sliced apples stored in a cooling bin.
- Whole pieces of fruit with a peel such as bananas or oranges.
- Whole piece of fruit with an edible peel, such as apples and pears, must be rewashed unless wrapped.
- Unopened milk, if immediately stored in a cooling bin maintained at 41 F or below.

# Unallowable

## Food Items that cannot be left on Share Table



- foods not provided by the School Meal program (food brought from home)
- Unpackaged items such as a salad bowl without a lid
- Packaged items that can be opened and resealed
- Open items, such as an opened bag of baby carrots or sliced apples
- Perishable foods, when a temperature control mechanism is **not** in place





## What if I am willing to eat a Cinna – Mini cold? Can that be placed on a Shared Table?



- Should have a temp control device if served hot
- Monitor temps at end of service. If temps indicate they are NOT holding temperature, corrective action should be taken (items removed or not allowed)



# Emergency / Disaster Preparedness



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# Why do you need an emergency plan?

## Isn't it impossible to plan for every scenario?

- Executive Function is diminished during times of crisis and stress
- Step by step plans are easy to follow and delegate
- Emergency plans should constantly be evolving and should be reviewed and updated often



# Phone Tree

## Establish Communication with Staff after the Storm

- Director should have copy of all manager numbers
- Managers should be responsible for keeping up with and contacting all of their staff
- Make sure numbers are up to date
- Make sure portable phone chargers are charged



# Establish Contact with SA

## First Priority is Safety; Second Priority is Communication

- If you don't call us, we will probably call you
- Make sure we have an updated cell phone
  - We won't use your cell phone unless:
    - It is an emergency
    - You have given us permission to contact you on your cell for non-emergency business
- Store important phone numbers in your cell phone
  - OCN, MDHS, your managers and staff
  - Remember, you may not have access to internet or email



**Marianna's Cell Phone**  
**662-295-2513**  
(texting acceptable)

# Communicate Key Information

We need to know **ASAP** about:

- Power outages
- Food loss
- School closures
- Number of children affected
- Any immediate needs or asks for SA or USDA
- **Last minute closure of SFSP sites!** Do you have a plan to alert the community of last minute closures if you are an Open SFSP site?



# You will receive a text or email from SA

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## Please Respond!



<https://forms.office.com/r/5iNbbJYuTC>



# Survey

## Continued



5. Please describe any damage sustained, power outages, etc. Please be specific about which sites were affected.

Enter your answer

6. Do you have any schools that are closed as a result of the storm/power outages? [Clear Selection](#)

☒ Yes

☐ No

7. Is the School Providing Virtual instruction while buildings are closed? [Clear Selection](#)

☒ Yes

☐ No

8. When do you intend to re-open the school sites? Please indicate if you are unsure at this time.

Enter your answer

9. Do you want to provide meals to eligible children even while the school is closed? [Clear Selection](#)

☒ Yes

☐ No

10. Do you want to submit a waiver that will allow you to serve Meals in a non-congregate setting?

☐ Yes

☐ No

11. Are you planning to satellite meals from unaffected sites to other sites locations?

☐ Yes

☐ No

12. If "Yes" to question -11, please describe and be specific about which sites are preparing / receiving

Enter your answer

13. Enrollment for Storm-Affected Sites only (best estimate)

Enter your answer

14. Enrollment for entire District (best estimate)

Enter your answer

15. Do you have any requests for the SA? Do you have any immediate Needs? Is there anything we need to communicate to USDA?

Enter your answer

16. Does your district have any plans to open any part of the district as a community storm shelter?

☐ Yes

☐ No

17. Are you interested in diverting some of your commodity food supply to disaster relief efforts?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Submit

# Resources Available from ICN

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## Subtitle

- [Designing-an-Emergency-Preparedness-Templates-C](#)
- [School Nutrition Programs – Institute of Child Nutrition \(theicn.org\)ombined.pdf](#)



# Boil Water Notice

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## Have an SOP!

- Instructions from MSDH: [Restaurants and Food Facilities - Mississippi State Department of Health \(ms.gov\)](https://www.ms.gov/health/restaurants-and-food-facilities)



# Power Outage / Gas Leaks / Water Loss or Contamination

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**Have a plan; know who to contact!**

- SWPP vendors have (in the past) provided refrigerated trucks to hard hit areas



# Food Loss

## Insure, dispose, document

- Does your district have an insurance policy that covers this?
- Seek disposal instructions from MSDH
  - It is possible that food may not have to be disposed of, if you can prove temp held over time
- MSDH can provide documentation of losses



# Purchasing a Generator

## Protect against food loss during power outage

- Submit a capital expenditure request
- follow procurement plan
- If used exclusively by CN, can be purchased with CN funds
- If district uses generator, cost must be shared (pro-rating agreement necessary)



# Before the Storm

## Best Practices

- Take Inventory
- Take “Before” pictures of EVERYTHING in kitchens and storage areas
- Check and update phone tree
- Print current student roster
- Confirm with Superintendent/Board any plans to use school sites as shelters
- Determine which staff are willing to work
- Review Emergency Plan





# Before the Storm

## Continued



- Prepare generators / Procure gas (if applicable)
- If you anticipate flooding, elevate as much equipment and product as you can away from the floor
- Make sure multiple thermometers available in all freezers/coolers
- Purchase battery powered head lamps for staff
- Start thinking about food product you have on hand and what you could easily produce and serve from disaster menu (low prep, low water, brown bag)

# Emergency Preparedness Kit

## Items you may want to procure and have on hand

- Generator/gas
- Battery powered headlamps
- To go containers / bags / boxes
- “Keep Refrigerated” tape
- Shelf stable milk
- Printed signs (yard signs) that can advertise non-congregate feeding (if approved by SA)



# Inventory Management

**Important all the time, but especially during an emergency**

- Train staff to manage inventory efficiently at all times, even when there is no severe weather
- Regularly inspect storage facilities and convey expectations to managers
- Chronic over-ordering and product hoarding is problematic for a lot of reasons, but one of them is minimizing your losses in the event of a disaster
- Cleaning up and disposing of spoiled food is an arduous and unpleasant task!



# Post Storm

## Best Practices

- Develop post storm inspection checklist
  - Gas leak
  - Water break
  - Flooding
  - Power



# Documentation

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## Document Everything!

- Have paper versions on hand, cannot rely on electronics
  - Current inventory
  - Timesheets
  - Meal count sheets
  - Production records



# Maintain & Track Temps in coolers/freezers

## If generator not available

- Clean trash cans and fill with ice; place in cooler by the door
- Have a system to monitor internal temps while power is out (toward the back of cooler and near the door)
- If your power is out for an extended period of time, and you are able to maintain temps, you have to be able to PROVE you maintained those temps or you have to throw the food out anyway



# Unanticipated School Closure

## Contact SA immediately!

- SA has limited ability to grant certain waivers
- If school **continues to offer virtual instruction** during unanticipated closure
  - SA may be able to approve a non-congregate waiver for NSLP/SBP
- If school is offering **no instruction** during unanticipated closure
  - SA may be able to approve implementation of SFSP and may be able to approve non-congregate





# Serving Meals

## Feeding Students During Disaster Recovery

- Immediate pivot to non-congregate feeding model?
  - If virtual instruction is provided by district, need waiver for NSLP
  - If no instruction is provided by district, need SA approval for unanticipated school closure under SFSP
- Focus on Providing Necessary Components (*rather than planned menu or nutrient analysis*)
- As part of emergency preparedness plan, create list of menu items that can be easily prepared during a disaster (low prep, no water, brown bag)



# Operating Schools as Shelters

## Need to know if this is part of District's Disaster Plan

- Discuss with Superintendent/Board
- Have clear understanding of any plans to use sites as shelters (primary, secondary sites)
- Execute MOUs with any third parties
- Establish relationships with emergency management personnel
- Have clear plan to divert food to emergency
  - Inventory (commodity and procured product)
  - Documentation of usage
  - payment



# Diverting Commodity Food to Disaster Assistance

Is allowable under certain conditions

- Documentation
- Can't divert purchased product (unless those funds are repaid to NPSFSA)



# When things return to Normal

## Update your plan with lessons learned

- Debrief the disaster response with key staff and stakeholders
- What worked?
- What didn't work?
- Review and revise emergency preparedness plan



# Children Experiencing Homelessness due to Disaster

## Pg. 40 of Eligibility Manual

- Homeless liaison (McKinney Vento Coordinator) makes determination of homelessness
  - Gives the list to the SFA
  - Children certified free maintain eligibility status for duration of SY
- Families experiencing loss of income as result of disaster can submit a new meal application at any time and be determined for free/red benefits





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# At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program for SFAs

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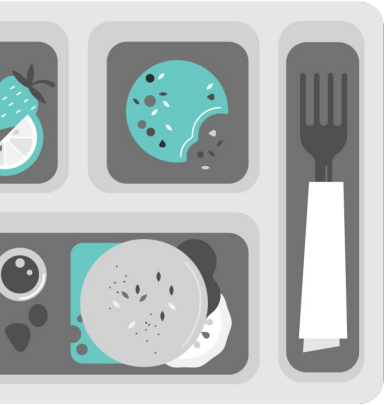


**OCN is poised to support MDE's strategic goal to increase access to high quality early Childhood Programs by ensuring every child has access to nutritious, age – appropriate meals.**

# CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program

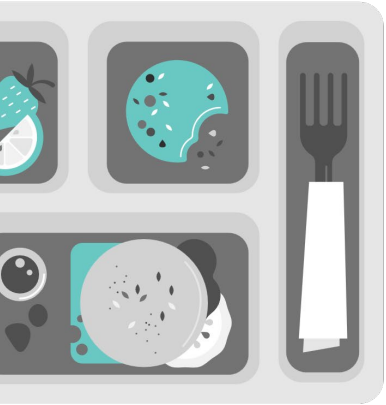
## What is At-Risk?

- The At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program is a component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) which offers federal funding to afterschool programs that serve a meal and/or snack to children in low-income areas.
- Reimbursement can be used for the payment of approved administrative and operational costs.



# NSLP versus CACFP At-Risk

## Why should the district participate in CACFP At-Risk?



- **NSLP**
  - Schools offer a **snack** under the NSLP
- **CACFP**
  - Schools may offer both a **snack** and/or **supper**

# Potential CACFP Reimbursement

Why should the district participate in CACFP At-Risk?

**School Site #1**

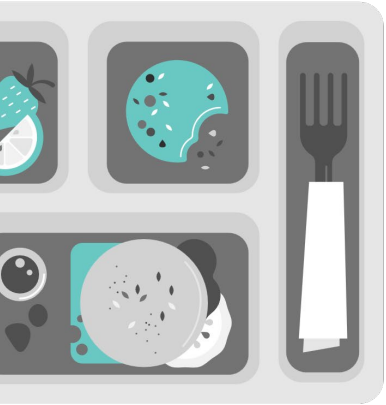
**\$82,850.22**

**School Site #2**

**\$106,543.98**

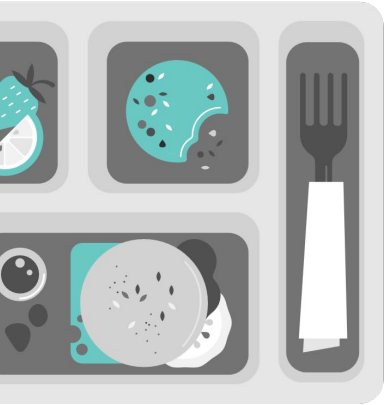
**School Site #3**

**\$214,451.91**



An *eligible* program must:

- Be structured primarily to provide care for children after school
- Provide organized, regularly scheduled activities
- Be in an eligible area
- Must occur after the regular school day ends or on weekends

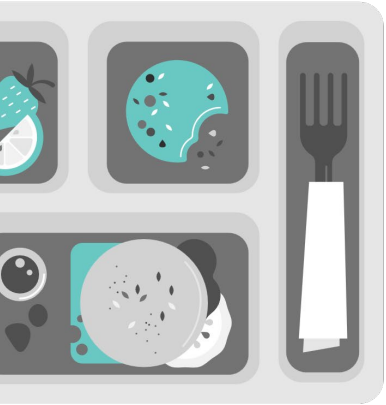


# How does my District participate?

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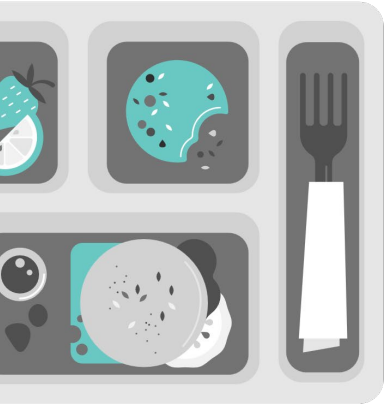
The State Agency has created a streamlined process for SFAs

- Obtain the Streamlined Application Packet
- Submit all required documents
- Complete the CACFP Module in MARS
- Receive Technical Assistance from the CACFP Team



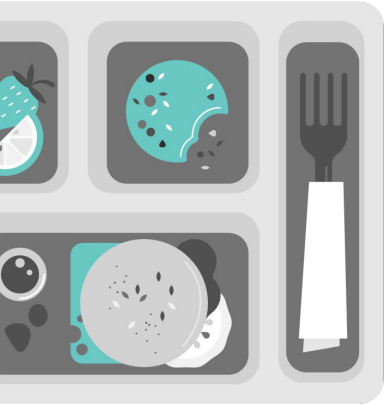
# CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements

## What Meal Pattern do I use?



- At-Risk Meals must meet CACFP Meal Pattern requirements.
- The State Agency will provide guidance on milk, grain, sugar limits in yogurt and dry cereal, etc.

- Compliance Review Process
- On-Site and Administrative Level Visits
- Serious Deficiency Process
- Corrective Action







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# Equipment Assistance Grants

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- Grant used to purchase equipment to improve the CN Program
- USDA normally gives out 25 to 30 million to states. FY23-24 same.
- 2021 EAG Grant
  - Had 21 sites awarded (\$445,445.66)
- USDA for 2022-23
  - 80 million to states
- 2022 EAG Grant
  - Still in review (Had # of schools apply)
  - Can award up to 43 sites
  - Allowed \$848,580 for Mississippi

- Follow your most restrictive purchasing procedures (procurement plan)
- Grant solicitation period
  - The OCN can not answer questions
  - Some questions I have received
    - How to fill out Form B, C
    - Who signs what/where
    - Do I fill out two applications?



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