

**Memorandum:**

**Date:** April 17, 2023

**To:** All School Food Service Administrators (SFSAs)/Managers

**From:** Betsy R. Pennington, Lead Nutritionist

**Subject:** NutriKids® Update and Mississippi Recipes for Success

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An update to NutriKids® with revisions to ingredients and recipes can be found on the Mississippi Department of Education, Office of Child Nutrition website in the Mississippi Recipes for Success (MRS) section, <https://www.mdek12.org/OCN/OP/MRS>. Version 22.2 of NutriKids® must be used for this update. We are working with Heartland staff to prepare an update in MOSAIC and will notify you when it is ready. Remember:

- Recipes with numbers ending in “.1” indicate that USDA Foods ingredients are used
- Recipes with numbers ending in “.2” indicate that USDA Beef Crumbles are used
- Recipes with numbers ending in “.3” indicate that DOD and Farm to School produce are used

There are **new data files (.dat)** to be imported into NutriKids®: Updated Ingredients and Recipe changes for different distributors. SFSAs may also choose to download the entire March 2023 MRS database (**remember that this will delete the existing database**). For ease of use, we have updated the instructions on the OCN website related to downloading NutriKids® data files. Please reference these updated instructions. Check with the IT staff member in your district if you have problems unzipping the database files.

The updates include:

- Updates to ingredients to include new products, new USDA products, Farm to School and DOD produce items, changes in products on order guide, and changes in data.
- Updates of recipes include product changes, new recipes, additions of recipes with USDA Foods, Farm to School, DOD, as well as error corrections.

As changes are made in the NutriKids® database, changes are also being made to update recipes in MRS online. If errors are noted in either the database or MRS Online, please notify [MRSHelp@mdek12.org](mailto:MRSHelp@mdek12.org). If an update to NutriKids® is required, administrators should contact Heartland Payment Systems.

It is critical that our recipe database reflects the ever-evolving tastes of our student population. If you would like to contribute to our effort to add new MRS recipes, please consider testing new recipe ideas. We need to ensure new recipes can be replicated successfully. To become a tester, check the Test Recipe page on the MRS website: <https://www.mdek12.org/OCN/OP/MRS/MRS->

[Test-Recipes](#). Download one of the recipes and the evaluation form. Test the recipe in your cafeteria and email the completed form and any photos of the results to [MRSHelp@mdek12.org](mailto:MRSHelp@mdek12.org). MRS is an evolving toolkit. Ideas for new recipes or resources can also be submitted to [MRSHelp@mdek12.org](mailto:MRSHelp@mdek12.org).

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