

**Memorandum:**

**Date:** September 16, 2022  
**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 the Heartland staff to prepare an update in MOSAIC and will notify you when it is ready. Remember, *.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.*

There are **new data files** to be imported into NutriKids®: Updated Ingredients and Recipe changes for different distributors. SFSAs may also choose to download the entire September 2022 MRS 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 the IT staff member in your district if you have problems unzipping the data base 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. Please visit <https://mrs.mdek12.org/news/> to see a list of major changes that have been recently made. If errors are noted in either the database or MRS online, please notify this office. If an update to NutriKids® is required, administrators may contact Heartland Payment Systems.

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>. 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](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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