

Preparing for Child Nutrition Program Operations SY 2022-2023

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| <p>USDA Waivers allowing SSO operations during the regular school year are to expire June 30, 2022.</p> <p>Traditional NSLP and SBP to begin when school starts in August 2022.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Acronyms:</p> <p>USDA - United States Department of Agriculture SSO - Seamless Summer Option NSLP - National School Lunch Program SBP - National School Breakfast Program SFSP - Summer Food Service Program POS system- Point of Sale system CEP - Community Eligibility Provision OVS - offer versus serve</p> |
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| Topic | SY 2021-2022 | SY 2022-2023 |
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| Meal Reimbursement Rates | <p>Waivers allowed for all meals to be claimed at the free SFSP rate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast - \$2.60 ● Lunch - \$4.56 ● AS Snack - \$1.00 <p>Traditional NSLP & SBP: NSLP -Free: \$3.75, Red \$3.35, Paid \$0.44. SBP -Free \$2.35, Red \$2.05, Paid \$0.33.</p> | <p>Rates to be released in July 2022.</p> <p>Standard Pricing: Schools must claim meals based on student eligibility. Reimbursement will be based on free, reduced, and paid meals claimed.</p> <p>CEP, Provision 2: Schools must claim meals based on claiming percentages.</p> <p>*Reminder: Documentation to back up the meals claimed for reimbursement must add up to the numbers submitted on the claim.</p> |
| Food Cost | <p>Food Costs on the rise due to supply chain issues and inflation.</p> <p>Supply Chain Assistance funds made available.</p> | <p>Assume food costs will continue to increase.</p> <p>Calculate total food costs over the last 3 years and establish an annual percentage of change. Apply changes to the upcoming budget to get an idea of total food cost for SY 22-23.</p> <p>Project impact of food cost when returning to NSLP based on participation rate history.</p> |

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| <p>Breakfast and Lunch Meal Price</p> | <p>Student - no charge.</p> <p>Adult and Contract Meals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast - \$2.00-\$2.35 ● Lunch - \$4.00 | <p>Student Standard Pricing: <u>Eligibility Status - Free:</u> no charge. <u>Eligibility Status - Reduced:</u> Breakfast \$0.30; Lunch \$0.40. <u>Eligibility Status - Paid:</u> Breakfast \$2.00; Lunch determined by last price charged and the PLE tool. Recommend: \$3.75.</p> <p>Student Pricing for CEP, Provision 2: no charge.</p> <p>Adult and Contract Meal Pricing: Recommended in Commissioner's Memo when rates are published in July 2022.</p> |
| <p>Student Eligibility Standard Counting and Claiming</p> | <p>DESE recommended a rollover of student eligibility status from SY 20-21.</p> <p>Direct Certification matches available for the district.</p> <p>Free and Reduced applications made available upon request.</p> | <p>SY 22-23 source documents must be made available to establish student eligibility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Direct Certification Match <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Extended Benefits ● Homeless List ● Foster List ● Migrant List ● Meal Application <p>Applications may not be distributed until July 1, 2022. Begin processing and updating meal eligibility immediately upon determination of application in the POS system and eSchool.</p> <p>Make applications available online, by paper, and easily accessible to students before school starts.</p> |
| <p>Special Provision Options</p> | <p>CEP elections were made available to districts and percentages communicated with districts starting a new four year cycle.</p> <p>Election deadline: June 30, 2021.</p> | <p>Provision 2 - May elect prior to the beginning of the school year.</p> <p>CEP - Focus on Individual Student Percentage reporting due April 15, 2022 to see if schools are eligible to elect to begin CEP in SY 22-23. Election deadline: June 30, 2022.</p> |

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| <p>Participation</p> | <p>Total participation may be affected due to quarantine/isolations and the number of AMI days when students were not offered meals. All students offered meals at no charge.</p> | <p>Compare participation levels from Fall 2019 to see how many students participated in the program.</p> <p>Consider the amount of students that will bring lunch now that parents must pay for meals.</p> <p>Market the program.</p> |
| <p>Charge Policy</p> | <p>All students fed at no charge.</p> | <p>Charge Policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is the policy communicated to parents? • How are payments accepted? • Students must be provided a meal even if they are unable to pay. • Alternate meals are not allowed. • What are in house collection procedures for families unable or unwilling to pay? • Do students have meal debt from 2020 that has carried over? Consider paying this debt from other funds. |
| <p>Meal Pattern</p> | <p>Waivers to allow: Non-congregate Meal Service Meal Time Requirements Parent pick up of meals Meal Pattern Flexibility OVS flexibility at High School Area Eligibility</p> <p>Meal Pattern Standards: Waivers allowed for meal pattern flexibility and supply chain disruptions. 2 enriched grain products approved to be counted toward 100% whole grain-rich requirement.</p> | <p>Waivers set to expire June 30, 2022.</p> <p>Students must return to a congregate feeding setting in which breakfast must be served in the morning hours and lunch served between 10am and 2pm. Meals may not be sent home and parents will not be allowed to pick them up.</p> <p>Meal Pattern Standards: May offer flavored and unflavored low fat (1%) milk. 80% of grains served each week must be whole grain-rich. Sodium Target 1 standards.</p> |