

North Carolina

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Have Questions? Need Assistance?

Please remember to always contact your regional consultants first for any questions or assistance unless directed otherwise.

Smart Snacks Questions and Answers #2

We have received additional questions in response to the implementation of the Smart Snacks Rule and those questions have been compiled and along with responses in the attached document. This week's questions focus on the impact of the Smart Snacks on school fund raising. In addition, we've included a resource that provides information on (non-food) creative fund raising ideas. Please feel to share this with administrators. Also, USDA has developed a 2-page publication and info-graphic on Smart Snacks in School that is attached for your convenience.

If you have questions, or would like further clarification of any of the questions previously addressed, please send the questions to your School Nutrition Regional Consultant or your Regional Nutrition Specialist.

[smart snacks q&a #2.pdf](#)
[fundraising.pdf](#)
[usda ss standards.pdf](#)

USDA Policy Memoranda

USDA requires state agencies to publish USDA policy memoranda in a timely manner as a means of keeping School Food Authorities informed of national policy. We will publish USDA policy memoranda in the week we receive them. It is quite possible that the policy memoranda will direct state agencies to take specific action or make specific decisions about the implementation of the policy within the state's school nutrition program.

Please note that in many instances NCDPI will release clarifying information about policy memoranda when indicated. If you have questions about the state's approach to a specific policy please contact your regional consultant. You will also receive additional information at your Regional Policy Update.

SP 10-2012v8

Questions and Answers on the Final Rule, "Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs"

Attached are Questions & Answers (QAs) on the meal requirements for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP). Several QAs have been updated to reflect the meal pattern flexibilities announced by the Food and Nutrition Service over the past school year, the requirements that were phased-in on July 1, 2014, for School Year 2014-2015, and the new technical assistance resources available to schools.

[sp-10-2012v8.pdf](#)

SP 57-2014

Updated Offer versus Serve Guidance for the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program in School Year 2014-2015

Attached is the updated guidance manual for OVS, which is optional at all grade levels for breakfast and required at the senior high school level only for lunch. As parts of the NSLP and SBP meal pattern requirements are being phased-in over multiple years, this guidance is for School Year (SY) 2014-2015 only. The guidance will be revised as needed to reflect new requirements as they are phase in.

sp-57-2014.pdf

sp-57-2014a.pdf (Offer vs. Serve Guidance)

SP 58-2014

2014 Edition of Eligibility Manual for School Meals

Attached is the August 2014 version of the Eligibility Manual for School Meals. This version replaces the August 2013 manual and incorporates clarifications requested by State agencies and FNS regional offices as well as applicable guidance issued since the last revision.

sp-58-2014.pdf

sp-58-2014a.pdf (Eligibility manual)

Fall Policy Update Registration

Time for the Fall Policy Updates for School Nutrition Administrators is approaching quickly. Please select the session of your choice below and register soon. The link can be accessed by one of the following methods:

- copy/paste link into the browser address bar
- holding CTRL and clicking on the link
- right click on the link and select open

Region 1 – Hampton Inn in Edenton - September 4th

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Z6XV FYL>

Region 2 – New Bern Convention Center in New Bern - September 11th

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZZV9YCN>

Region 3 – McKimmon Conference & Training Center in Raleigh -

September 18: LEA's

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Z55MDDR>

September 10: Charter Schools/RCCI's

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5K3KFWB>

Region 4 – Little River Golf and Resort in Carthage - September 18

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/58JTSZJ>

Region 5 – Deep River Event Center in Greensboro - September 12

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/58PGTYC>

Region 6 – Hilton Garden Inn in Concord - September 12

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5LWQHXXH>

Region 7 – Hickory Metro Center in Hickory - September 9th

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5VZYXWVG>

Region 8 – Crown Plaza in Asheville - September 19th

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/57YH57C>

An evaluation link will be sent to attendees after the session and CEUs for the meeting will be provided if the evaluation is completed.

Allergen Continuing Education Resource

School Nutrition staff must be knowledgeable about allergens and be able to answer questions about the foods offered in the cafeteria. The Food Code contains requirements about the knowledge of person in charge and their ability to inform consumers about menu items containing allergens. A continuing education lesson for cafeteria staff is attached to help teach all school nutrition employees about responding to consumer questions appropriately. This lesson will also be posted on the website soon.

[allergen lesson.zip](#)

Vacancy Announcements

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

Position Title: Director, Child Nutrition Operations

See attached vacancy announcement for details.

[char-meck cndir.pdf](#)

Union County

Position Title: Clinical Dietitian and Child Nutrition Marketing Specialist

See attached vacancy announcement for details.

[union dietitian.pdf](#)

Wake County

Title: Child Nutrition Supervisor (2 positions)

Visit the Wake County Schools website for more information or contact the Wake County Schools Child Nutrition office.

Recall Notice

Wawona Packing Co. Expands Its Voluntary Recall of Fresh, Whole Peaches, Plums, Nectarines, and Pluots Because of Possible Health Risk

Out of an abundance of caution, Wawona Packing Company of Cutler, California is expanding its voluntary recall from July 19, 2014, of whole white and yellow peaches, white and yellow nectarines, plums and pluots due to the potential of the products being contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

For more information visit:

http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm407600.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Weekly Q&A – Field Trips and Food Safety

Question: What are some best practices to keep food safe to eat on field trips?

Answer: School nutrition staff, teachers, other school staff, parents and volunteers must work together to ensure that field trip meals are safe to eat. Harmful bacteria multiply rapidly in the "Danger Zone" — the temperatures between 41°F and 135 °F. So, perishable foods and beverages won't stay safe long when being transported. Give the attached handout to adults picking up lunches for the trip and review procedures with them.

[field trip.pdf](#)

Community Eligibility Provision Enrollment Period Extended

Over 60 SFAs have signed on to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program for the coming year. As you know, the CEP will allow eligible schools to offer breakfast and lunch to students at no charge to the student/ parent. It's not too late to enroll to participate in the CEP as the deadline to enroll has been extended through **August 31, 2014**. If you are reconsidering enrollment, we will be happy to assist you and your school officials (Superintendent, Finance Officer, Title 1 Director, E-Rate Director, Principals or other school personal) by conducting a webinar or conference call with those in the decision-making capacity to help address any concerns or issues pertinent to your LEA.

If you are reconsidering please contact Lynn Harvey or Janet Johnson. For additional information visit the Community Eligibility Provision webpage on the School Nutrition website at:

<http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/front-page/news-events/community-eligibility-provision>

Mark Your Calendar

August 30.....	Deadline for Healthier US School Challenge Application
September 1	Labor Day (State offices closed)
September 4	Region 1 Policy Update
September 9	Region 7 Policy Update
September 10 (Wednesday)	Deadline for Submitting Claim for Reimbursement (for August 2014)
September 10	Region 3 Policy Update for Charter Schools/RCCIs
September 11	Region 2 Policy Update
September 12	Region 5 Policy Update
September 12	Region 6 Policy Update
September 15 (Monday)	Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Deadline (for August 2014)
September 18	Region 3 Policy Update for LEAs
September 18	Region 4 Policy Update
September 19	Region 8 Policy Update
October 1	Verification process begins. SFAs pull F&R apps for Verification
October 10.....	Deadline for Submitting Claim for Reimbursement (for September 2014)
October 15.....	Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Deadline (for September 2014)
October 22-24.....	Annual Conference for School Nutrition Administrators