

North Carolina Child Nutrition Weekly Update



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TRP Foundational Principle #8

*We get back from life whatever we put into it:
good or ill. What goes around comes around.*

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Announcing Community Eligibility Provision Webinars

The Child Nutrition Services section will conduct four webinars to discuss the new Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). The webinars will provide:

- details about the CEP and its impact on school nutrition programs around the country
- requirements for participating in the CEP
- data elements required to complete the CEP navigator
- timeline for making CEP decisions



Webinars will be limited to **50** participants each in order to allow for interactive Questions/Answers. We will send notifications as the webinars fill.

Webinars are scheduled for the following dates. To register for a session click on the date/time that you prefer to attend or copy and paste the link into your browser.

- **Friday, March 14, 2014 (9:30 AM - 10:30 AM)**
<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/512660241>
- **Friday, March 14, 2014 (1:30 PM - 2:30 PM)**
<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/778589737>
- **Friday, March 21, 2014 (9:30 AM - 10:30 AM)**
<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/815298488>
- **Friday, March 21, 2014 (1:30 PM - 2:30 PM)**
<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/856945513>

Once registered you will receive an email confirming your registration with information you need to join the Webinar.

Title I Memorandum of Agreement



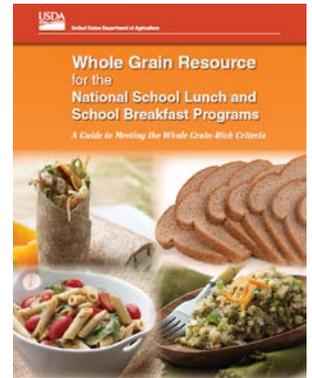
Child The Title I Memorandum of Agreement for the 2013-14 school year now available for your use.

Should you have questions or need assistance please contact your regional consultant.

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****Now Available** Whole Grain Resource for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs – A Guide to Meeting the Whole Grain-Rich Criteria**

This USDA-FNS publication provides an in-depth look at the whole grain-rich criteria for school meals. It updates and expands the previous whole grain resource from the HealthierUS School Challenge Application Kit, and now applies to all school meal programs. It includes exercises on identifying products that meet the whole grain-rich criteria and calculation examples.



This resource is available online through the Team Nutrition Website at: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/whole-grain-resource> and will soon be available on the Child Nutrition website.

REMINDER: Update on the Smart Snacks Interim Final Rule

As you may know, the Federal budget that was recently signed into law by President Obama included a directive to the Secretary of Agriculture regarding the implementation of the Smart Snacks Interim final Rule. Specifically, the directive requires USDA to establish a waiver process that will provide SFAs the option to delay implementing the new standards contained in the competitive foods rule and the breakfast meal pattern IF these regulations are proving to be too costly. The letter to the Secretary of Agriculture is attached for your review.

While we do not know how USDA will respond to this directive, we do encourage each SFA to begin the process of making projections about the financial impact of the new a la carte and breakfast program nutrition standards on operating costs (food, labor, equipment, other) in your school nutrition programs. We will notify you as soon as USDA notifies us about the waiver process.

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REMINDER: 2014 Best Practices Awards

The US Department of Agriculture has announced the Twenty First Annual Best Practice Awards in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP) and Food Distribution Program (FDP). The purpose of this program is to encourage and reward outstanding practices in schools and in School Food Authorities (SFAs) in the Southeast Region Please review the attached Best Practice Awards information for 2014. **All nominations are due on or before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2014.** Electronic documents or fax transmissions will not be accepted. Please review the attached document for entry details and criteria along with the nomination entry forms.

All entries should be sent or delivered to: **North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
Child Nutrition Services Section
301 N. Wilmington Street
6324 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-6324**

Attention: Pat Brafford

Should you have any questions please contact your Regional Consultants.

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****Deadline Extended** School Kitchen Capacity and Inventory Survey**

****DEADLINE EXTENDED: MARCH 4, 2014****

*Due to the weather-related school closings,
we are extending the survey deadline a week to March 4, 2014*

MAKE YOUR KITCHEN COUNT!!!

In an effort to understand the capacity of school kitchens in North Carolina, the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is working with the School of Government at UNC Chapel Hill and the Center for Environmental Farming Systems at NC State to survey Child Nutrition Directors and cafeteria managers about kitchens in their schools. Child Nutrition Directors are encouraged to fill out the survey unless they need to pass the link to a cafeteria manager more familiar with an individual kitchen. We need one survey for each individual school kitchen. If you are the person who can best describe the capacity or inventory of an individual school kitchen, please complete the survey found at the following link:

https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9AY5DImVYq0gtF3

This survey link will be active from until February 25, 2014. We need your help learning about kitchen infrastructure, equipment, staffing, and training. The survey should take approximately 10 minutes. The results will be delivered as a report to DPI and will also be made available to you. Your participation is voluntary and you are not required to participate.

Thank you so much for helping with this important study. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us directly at the email addresses below. Thank you for your time and all you do for North Carolina children.

Best regards,

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Weekly Q&A – NC Safe Plate, How is it Different?

QUESTION: How does *NC Safe Plate* Food Protection Manager Certification (FPMC) course differ from other courses currently available?

ANSWER: All FPMC courses are designed to teach the Food Code requirements and prepare participants to successfully pass an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) examination to become a certified Food Protection Manager as specified in Paragraphs 2-102.12(A) and Section 2-102.20 of the NC Food Code Manual.

NC Safe Plate is a new course that will be available, in addition to existing courses, to teach the Food Code and offer the Person in Charge (PIC) the opportunity for an ANSI approved FPMC examination. If the PIC is currently certified with any of the four ANSI examinations, there is no need to participate in *NC Safe Plate* at this time. (See the January 10, 2014 issue of the Child Nutrition Weekly for a current listing of organizations that administer the four ANSI approved examinations.) Registration and participation in the 2014 spring and summer sessions of *NC Safe Plate* will be very limited and offered only to some PIC whose certification expires by August 2014. More details about *NC Safe Plate* and its availability should be available by May 2014.

What's New on the Web?

Revised Home Page – Mark Your Calendar

The home page has been updated to reflect the changes in events scheduled for the remainder of February 2014. Please review at: <http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov>

Meal Pattern – ASSP

Along with the National School Lunch Program Meal Patterns for breakfast and lunch, the Meal Pattern for the After School Snack Program is now available on the website. To view/download all of these documents visit the Meal and Planning and Production page at: <http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/front-page/information-resources/menu-planning-production>. If you have questions about the Meal Patterns please contact your regional consultant.

REMINDER: Policy Update Meetings Rescheduled Due to Inclement Weather

Due to the recent weather events across the state several Policy Update Meetings and SNA regional meetings have been scheduled. Please review the following schedule changes and plan accordingly. Should you have questions please contact the Child Nutrition consultants for your region.



Region 3 Policy Update Meeting = Friday, March 7

Region 5 Policy Update Meeting – Thursday, March 13

Region 6 Policy Update Meeting – Friday, February 28

Region 7 Policy Update Meeting – Wednesday, Feb 26, 2014 in Hickory

SNA-NC Regional Meeting Invitation

The Region 4 SNA-NC District Meeting is scheduled for February 27 at 3:00 pm at Bladenboro Middle School. Rep. Ken Waddell has confirmed his attendance and he will also bring special remarks to the audience. For more information and details please review the attached invitation letter.

Thanks!

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February N.C. Farm to School Newsletter & Sweet Potato Month

The February 2014 Farm to School Newsletter has been released. This month's newsletter features highlights from visits to North Carolina apple growers, a reminder about the February Sweet Potato promotion and resources available from the N.C. Sweet Potato Commission, and what's on the N.C. Farm to School truck this month. To view or download the February newsletter visit:

<http://www.ncfarmtoschool.com/htm/newsletter/documents/2014FebruaryFTSNewsletter.pdf>

Sweet Potato Month

February is Sweet Potato Month and the N.C. Sweet Potato Commission is once again sponsoring a contest for schools. So check out the contest rules, registration form and suggested activities and plan to Show Your Love for N.C. Sweet Potatoes in February at:

<http://www.ncfarmtoschool.com/htm/promotions/index.htm>

Don't forget that all entries for the N.C. Farm to School calendar contest are due by **February 28**. Details can be found on the N.C. Farm to School website, www.ncfarmtoschool.com.



For questions about the newsletter or N.C. Farm to School, please contact:

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Mark Your Calendar

February 26	Region 7 Policy Update Meeting (Hickory, NC)
February 27	Region 4 SNA-NC District Meeting (Bladenboro Middle School)
February 28	Region 1 Policy Update (Edenton, NC)
February 28	Region 6 Policy Update Meeting
February 28	Deadline for submitting Paid Lunch Equity Tool to the State Agency
Month of March	National Nutrition Month
March 3-7	National School Breakfast Week
March 2-5	SNA Legislative Action Conference (Washington, DC)
	Registration Information: http://docs.schoolnutrition.org/meetingsandevents/lac2014/registration.asp
March 3	December Financial Report Due
March 7	Region 3 Policy Update (McKimmon Center, Raleigh)
March 10 (Monday)	Deadline for Submitting Claim for Reimbursement (for February 2014)
March 11	Best Practice Award Nominations Deadline for Submission to NCDPI
March 12	Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day
March 13	Region 5 Policy Update Meeting
March 15	Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Deadline (for February 2014)
April 10 (Thursday)	Deadline for Submitting Claim for Reimbursement (for March 2014)
April 15 (Tuesday)	Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Deadline (for March 2014)

****When a deadline/due date falls on a weekend or holiday.**

1. When the 10th of the month falls on a weekend or holiday the deadline for submitting the claim for reimbursement is the next business day which is usually Monday. In the event that the following Monday is a holiday then the deadline moves to the next business day.
2. **REMEMBER**...the CN Technology system is programmed to flag any claim for reimbursement that is submitted after the 10th with the "10 day" error message (Error Code 1401). The system does not differentiate a week day from a week end day. The NCDPI Child Nutrition section and the Claims section are fully aware of this and the Claims department will automatically override that error message for any claims submitted in this time period. *It is not necessary to contact the Child Nutrition office when you receive the error message in this situation.*
3. If a claim for reimbursement is submitted after the 10th for any other reason, you must contact the NCDPI Child Nutrition office.
4. This also applies to the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for which the claim for reimbursement is due on the 15th of each month.

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