

# School Nutrition Update

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## ***Important Dates***

*\*NOTE: Anytime a deadline falls on a weekend or a holiday the actual deadline is extended to the next business day.*

Feb 15	Deadline to submit January FFVP Claim for Reimbursement
Feb 15	Deadline to submit LEA/Second Review of Application Report
Feb 24-26	Legislative Action Conference (Washington, DC)
Mar 4-8	National School Breakfast Week
*Mar 10	Deadline to submit February NSLP/SBP/ASSP Claim for Reimbursement
Mar 15	Deadline to submit February FFVP Claim for Reimbursement

## ***Independent/Second Review of Applications Report***

All School Food Authorities (SFAs) processing Free and Reduced Price School Meal Household Applications are required to conduct a Second Review of Applications. If your district or school is 100% Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), you are not required to complete this report.

The required reporting period spans from the start date of processing the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Household Applications in the 2018-19 School Year through October 31, 2018. However, the SFA must continue to document any discrepancies on the NC tool, Documentation of Change as a result of Second Review of Applications (see attached) for the entire school year. Should you have questions on completing the forms, please contact your Zone Consultant or Jacquelyn McGowan, Compliance Officer.

<b>Form</b>	<b>Due Date:</b>	<b>Submit to:</b>
<a href="#">FNS-874 Local Education Agency Second Review of Applications Report Template</a>	Friday, February 15, 2019	Please email the completed form to Jacquelyn McGowan at: <a href="mailto:Jacquelyn.mcgowan@dpi.nc.gov">Jacquelyn.mcgowan@dpi.nc.gov</a>
<a href="#">Documentation of Change as a result of Independent/Second Review of Applications</a>	N/A - Provide Upon Request by State Agency	Maintain on file in the SFA

## ***A Bushel Full of Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Updates***

### ***2018-2019 SY***

The NCDPI is pleased to hear ongoing reports from NC's **39** participating School Food Authorities (totaling **200** elementary schools) that students are continuing to enjoy their "free and nutritious" Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) snacks each week. It is quite evident from the monthly FFVP claims submitted for reimbursement, that many interesting, often local fresh fruits and vegetables are menued, so the students can have the opportunity to experience a wide and pleasing variety of produce. This is terrific! The USDA and NCDPI encourage NC's FFVP schools to continue to plan creative FFVP snack menus for the remainder of this school year. Spring crops will be available soon so even more tasty options can be offered to the students. As always, the goal of each participating FFVP school is to *totally* exhaust its respective FFVP annual grant funding, so students can receive the maximum benefits from the program. Keep up the grrrrreat work!

### ***2019-2020 SY***

#### ***Can you believe it? It's almost that time again...***

NC's FFVP application season for the 2019-2020 school year will open online in the NCDPI's School Nutrition Technology System, on **Monday, February 11, 2019** with a deadline of **Thursday, February**

**28, 2019** to complete the electronic application. The 2019-2020 FFVP Signature Pages and “How Many Days the FFVP Will Operate Weekly” form must be submitted by **Monday, March 11, 2019**. More FFVP application information and guidance for the 2019-2020 SY will be forthcoming. Stay tuned...

## **Job Vacancies**

**Kannapolis City Schools** has an opening for a School Nutrition Program Assistant. Find more details and application information at:

<http://www.applitrack.com/kannapolis/onlineapp/1BrowseFile.aspx?id=28977>

**Harnett County Schools** has an opening for a Child Nutrition Director. Find more details and application information visit the Harnett County Schools Job Announcement and Application link at:

<https://www.applitrack.com/harnett/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Admin-Directors>

**Onslow County Schools** has an opening for a Director of Child Nutrition Services. Find more details and application information visit the Onslow County Public Schools website at:

<https://www.applitrack.com/onslow/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Administration>

## **Continuing Education**

- **Zone Policy Updates for February 2019**

The February zone policy updates for school nutrition administrators and supervisors are scheduled for the dates and locations below. Your zone consultants and specialists will share the draft agenda when it is completed. [CLICK HERE](#) to register for the session of your choice.

<b>Zone 1</b>	<b>February 26</b>	<b>NC Arboretum, Asheville</b>
<b>Zone 2</b>	<b>February 26</b>	<b>Village Inn, Clemons</b>
<b>Zone 3</b>	<b>February 19</b>	<b>Hickory Metro Center, Hickory</b>
<b>Zone 6</b>	<b>February 19</b>	<b>NC TeleCenter, Williamston</b>

- **School Nutrition Leadership Academy Opportunities**

The NC School Nutrition Leadership Academy offers a variety of professional development activities for School Nutrition Administrators. Be sure to keep the School Nutrition Administrator contact information updated in the School Nutrition Technology System as this is the information used to send email notifications. Course listings and available registration links may be found at:

<https://learn.mckimmoncenter.ncsu.edu/search/publicCourseAdvancedSearch.do?method=doPaginatedSearch&showInternal=false&cspIndex=true&isPageDisplayed=true&courseSearch.programAreaStringArray=54369&courseSearch.filterString=availforreg>

and

<https://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/continuing-education/sn-leadership-acad>

<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Course/Workshop Title</b>	<b>SN Academy Classification</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Mar 7</b> <i>(register by February 27)</i>	<a href="#">Program Accountability Level 1: The Who, What, and Why of School Nutrition Accountability</a>	Program Accountability Level 1	Colfax
<b>Mar 19</b> <i>(register by March 11)</i>	<a href="#">Boot Camp for NEW School Nutrition Personnel in Traditional Public Schools: How to Effectively Manage the Risks and Navigate the Regulatory Waters of the Federal School Nutrition Programs</a>	Orientation	Colfax
<b>April 3</b> <i>(register by March 26)</i>	<a href="#">Meeting Nutritional Needs of Students through School Nutrition Programs</a>	Nutrition Level 2	Colfax
<b>April 22-24</b> <i>(Register by April 12)</i>	<a href="#">Safe Plates</a>	Food Safety Level 1	Kinston
<b>May 6-8</b> <i>(register by April 26)</i>	<a href="#">Safe Plates</a>	Food Safety Level 1	Asheville
<b>June 12-14</b> <i>(Register by June 4)</i>	<a href="#">Safe Plates</a>	Food Safety Level 1	Goldsboro
<b>June 12-14</b> <i>(Register by June 4)</i>	<a href="#">Safe Plates</a>	Food Safety Level 1	Jacksonville
<b>June 17-18</b> <i>(Register by June 7)</i>	<a href="#">Program Accountability Level 4: The Administrative Review</a>	Accountability	Greensboro
<b>June 17-18</b> <i>(Register by June 7)</i>	<a href="#">New Manager Leadership Workshop</a>	Orientation	Colfax
<b>June 17-19</b> <i>(Register by June 7)</i>	<a href="#">Safe Plates</a>	Food Safety Level 1	Greensboro

<b>June 24-26</b> (Register by June 14)	<a href="#">Safe Plates</a>	Food Safety Level 1	Clarkton
<b>Summer 2019</b> (Apply by April 1)	<a href="#">Applications for NC K-12 Culinary Institute for School Nutrition Managers</a> June 25 – 27      Craven Co July 9 – 11        Rowan Co July 9 – 11        Pasquotank Co July 23 – 25       Asheville July 23 – 25       Nash Co July 30 – Aug 1    New Hanover July 30 – Aug 1    Wilkes Co August 6 – 8       Harnett Co August 6 – 8       Alamance Co	Food Production and Operations Management	Various Locations
<b>July 30 – August 1</b> (Register by July 22)	<a href="#">Orientation for NEW School Nutrition Administrators and Supervisors</a>	Orientation	Colfax
<b>August 12-14</b> (Register by August 2)	<a href="#">Safe Plates</a>	Food Safety Level 1	Wilmington

- **Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) Professional Development Opportunities**

The North Carolina Food Code requires FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS to have a PERSON IN CHARGE (PIC) who is a CFPM on site at all time the establishment is in operation. The FOOD ESTABLISHMENT may be assessed two points on their inspection for failure to meet the Food Code requirements. To verify the PIC has an approved CFPM certification as specified in Paragraphs 2-102.12(A) and Section 2-102.20 of the NC Food Code Manual, the PIC must have successfully passed an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited CFPM examination.

Several organizations offer ANSI accredited exams which will provide the certification required by the North Carolina Food Code. Some of the organizations include [National Restaurant Association](#) , [360training.com, Inc.](#) , [Prometric Inc.](#) , [StateFoodSafety.com](#) , and [National Registry of Food Safety Professionals](#) .

The PIC requirement is established by the North Carolina Department of Health. North Carolina Department of Public Instruction School Nutrition Section also requires School Nutrition Administrators to obtain CFPM certification as part of the Professional Standards for hiring and continuing education for School Nutrition Programs.

*Safe Plates* is a course developed by North Carolina State University Extension and this course offers the National Registry of Food Safety Professionals exam as part of the instruction. Our School Nutrition Section is glad to partner with Extension to bring this learning experience to you. We offer classes through our Leadership Academy with McKimmon Center on demand throughout the year and we can advertise the course offerings to surrounding School Food Authorities to help fill the class. **Please contact Susan Thompson ([susan.thompson@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:susan.thompson@dpi.nc.gov)) if you are interested in hosting a class to provide continuing education and the CFPM exam to your staff.** We look forward to providing this important professional development opportunity for you. [Click here for a current listing of courses.](#)

- **Cold Holding Requirements beginning January 2019**

In 2012, the NC Commission for Public Health adopted the 2009 FDA Food Code. Because of concerns raised by industry, it was decided to phase in the 41°F cold holding requirement over a six-year period with an implementation date of January 1, 2019. On January 1, 2019 the requirements for cold holding will change from 45°F or below to 41°F or below, per 3-501.16(A)(2) of the NC Food Code. School Nutrition Programs have already adopted the 41°F cold holding critical control points according to HACCP Plans; therefore, schools should already be in compliance with this new cold holding limit imposed by the Food Code.

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- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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