

School Nutrition Update

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2018-2019 Reimbursement Rates Re-Released

We have recently been notified by the US Department of Agriculture of the 2018 – 2019 Reimbursement Rates for the National School Lunch, School Breakfast and Special Milk Programs. The notice from the Federal Register is posted on the School Nutrition website for your review and for your files.

Subsequent to the publication of the rates, we received notice from the USDA there was an error in the publication. This error pertains to the “maximum rate” of reimbursement which should read as “39 cents” instead of “30 cents.” The maximum rate does not apply in North Carolina as we use the actual reimbursement rates as published. We do not establish a higher reimbursement rate for some SFAs and a lower rate for others. This option is described in detail in the [Federal Register](#) notification.

As a convenience, we have prepared a simplified version of this notice that is intended to allow you to view the “rates at a glance.” Please share with members of your team who may find this version to be useful in performing their various duties.

- [2018-19 Reimbursement Rates – NC Audited](#)
- [2018-19 Federal Reimbursement Rates – Federal Register](#)

Should you have questions, please contact your Zone Consultant.

On behalf of the School Nutrition Section, we wish you a successful school year ahead. Thank you for working diligently, innovatively and with a strong sense of commitment to nourish the bodies and minds of our students. We look forward to serving you in the coming year!

Financial Reporting – Other Post-Employment Benefits

The State agency was notified yesterday that local independent audits are requiring entries to the School Nutrition financial statements related to Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB). The changes are a result of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 75 that requires a different accounting approach for the Retirement Health Benefit Plan (RHBP) and Disability Income Plan of NC (DIPNC).

As a result of the change as issued in GASB 75, School Nutrition Programs are to report these values on the June 30, 2018 Financial Statements. To assist with this new accounting approach, the State agency has taken the following actions:

1. Notified the Division of School Business that two additional accounts must be added to the Uniform Chart Accounts:

- 5-1800 Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Asset – DIPNC
- 5-2266 Other Post-Employment Benefits (OBEB) Liability – RHBP

2. Adjusted the description of existing accounts:

- 5-1810 to include GASB 75
- 5-2610 to include GASB 75
- 5-7200-035-223 to include GASB 75

3. Requested a change to the Financial Report in the School Nutrition Technology System (SNTS) effective with the annual report for SY 17-18.

Please note that the values being added do not negatively impact the financial status of the program, as they are removed from the profit and loss and indirect cost calculations. They are informational in nature, in that when an employee retires, the pension and benefits are paid from the Retirement System, not the individual LEA.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Janet Williams-Johnson at janet.williamsjohnson@dpi.nc.gov.

2018 NC School Breakfast Challenge

No Kid Hungry NC is proud to announce its 6th annual North Carolina School Breakfast Challenge. The 2018 Challenge once again focuses on feeding more students a healthy school breakfast by using innovative Breakfast After the Bell models to increase participation. The benefits of school breakfast—better grades, better behavior, and healthier, happier kids—are worth making a serious effort to serve it to the most students possible.

The nine schools with the greatest increase in breakfast participation will be recognized at the 2019 NC Child Hunger Leaders Conference. Last year's winners included the school of 2017 NC Principal of the Year Jason Griffin. Visit NoKidHungryNC.org/BreakfastChallenge for more information, including a video of the impact innovative school breakfast has on a previous winner in Pasquotank County.

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Contact No Kid Hungry NC at <mailto:NoKidHungryNC@gmail.com> for breakfast participation data, help choosing innovative service models that are a good fit, or to plan a district leadership meeting to generate interest.

Dairy Alliance Mini-Grants

The [Dairy Alliance](http://DairyAlliance.org) (formerly Southeast United Dairy Industry Association, or SUDIA) has grant funding for NC schools for any new program that will increase access to federally-funded meals, including school breakfast and at-risk afterschool meals.

Interested School Nutrition Directors should contact Health and Wellness Program Manager, Cami Lewis, at clewis@sedairy.org or 678-822-2868.

Fruit & Vegetable Fact Sheets

As you plan ahead for Fruits & Veggies – More Matters™ Month in September and Farm to School Month in October, the [Fruit & Vegetable Fact Sheets](#) may be of assistance to you in providing nutrition education and promotional activities. The twenty-five fact sheets are now available on produce grown in North Carolina and served in school meals. These resources are designed to assist School Nutrition professionals and educators in encouraging children to eat and enjoy more fruits and vegetables.

Each fact sheet features a full color photo of the fruit or vegetable and provides information divided into the following sections:

- **Grow** (type, origin and growing tips),
- **Choose** (varieties, availability and strategies for selection),
- **Store** (information on where and how to store),
- **Prepare** (how to wash and prepare),
- **Teach** (facts, trivia and educational activities),
- **Eat** (nutritional benefits)
- and **Find** (resources and links).

If you have any questions about the [Fruit & Vegetable Fact Sheets](#), please contact Tracey Bates at tracey.bates@dpi.nc.gov .

NC Crunch 2018

As we enjoy the harvest of NC fruits & vegetables, plan ahead for Farm to School Month (#F2S) in October. The [Farm to School Coalition of NC](#) is hosting the #NCCrunch. Plan now to join the Farm to School Coalition of NC (@F2SCoalitionNC) and kids in schools and early care and education (ECE) sites across the state to crunch into locally grown produce. It's a fun way for kids to learn about nutrition, agriculture and all of the wonderful products grown in our state. Want to be part of the learning and fun? Sign up now to receive the NC Crunch Guide with ideas and resources to plan your NC Crunch event. <https://growing-minds.org/north-carolina-crunch/>

The NC Farm to School Cooperative is sponsoring a contest to recognize ECE sites and schools for their promotion of NC fruits and vegetables. Entries will be judged based on reach, creativity, engagement and promotion. The top 3 entries in each site category (ECE sites and K-12 schools) will receive gift cards (1st = \$250, 2nd = \$150, 3rd = \$100), which can be used to support nutrition education and promotion. School Nutrition Programs, K-12 schools and LEAs should follow financial management and accountability guidance provided by NCDPI and local policies and procedures in entering any contest and accepting and handling any prizes received.

Help spread the word!

- [NC Crunch Flyer & Contest Entry Form](#)

2018 SummerPalooza! Summits

You are invited to join Summer Nutrition Program sponsors and supporters from across North Carolina for the 2018 SummerPalooza! Summits. The SummerPalooza! Summits are day-



long celebrations and planning events developed to increase participation in and expand awareness of North Carolina's Summer Nutrition Programs for children. This year's theme "Strength in Numbers" represents a focus on collaboration between diverse partners to create more sustainable and successful summer programs.

These free events will be held this fall across the state as follows:

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| October 30, 2018 | Hickory | Hickory Metro Convention Center |
| November 1, 2018 | Raleigh | McKimmon Center |
| November 14, 2018 | Greenville | Eastern Area Health Education Center |
| November 16, 2018 | Raleigh | JC Roulston Arboretum |

Registration opens September 1, 2018.

Please contact McCamy Holloway at mccamy.holloway@dpi.nc.gov or 919-807-3568 for more information.

Vacancy Announcement

| SFA | Position |
|---------------------|---|
| Pitt County Schools | Child Nutrition Supervisor/Registered Dietitian |

Continuing Education & Professional Development

➤ 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.

NC Safe Plates is a CFPM course developed by North Carolina State University Extension. This course offers the National Registry of Food Safety Professionals exam as part of the instruction. School Nutrition Services 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 if we have about 15 participants. 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) 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.](#)

➤ School Nutrition Leadership Academy Opportunities

The NC School Nutrition Leadership Academy offers a variety of professional development activities for School Nutrition Professionals. Refer to our website below and be alert for email announcements from NC State University McKimmon Center announcing workshops. 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.

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

2018

| Date(s) | Course/Workshop Title | SN Academy Classification | Location |
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| Sep 18 | Verification | | Webinar |
| Sep 20 | Verification | | Webinar |
| Oct 24-26 | 2018 Annual Conference for School Nutrition Administrators | | Durham |
| Nov 27 | Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP): A Preventive Food Safety Plan for School Nutrition Programs | Food Safety Level 2 | Hickory |

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| Nov 29 | Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP): A Preventive Food Safety Plan for School Nutrition Programs | Food Safety Level 2 | New Bern |
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| Jan 22-23 and Feb 25 | NC Safe Plates | Food Safety | Hillsborough |
| Mar 7 | Program Accountability Level 1: The Who, What, and Why of School Nutrition Accountability | Accountability | Colfax |
| Apr 3 | Meeting Nutritional Needs of Students through School Nutrition Programs | Nutrition Level 2 | Colfax |
| June 12-14 | NC Safe Plates | Food Safety Level 1 | Wilmington |
| June 12-14 | NC Safe Plates | Food Safety Level 1 | Jacksonville |

Mark Your Calendar

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

September 2018

- Sep 4 Zone 2 Policy Update
- Sep 6 Zone 4 Policy Update
- Sep 7 Zone 4 Policy Update (LEAs)
- Sep 10 Deadline to submit Claims for Reimbursement for NSLP/SBP/ASSP/SFSP/SSP (for August 2018)
- *Sep 15 Deadline to submit Claims for Reimbursement for FFVP (for August 2018)
- Sep 18 Zone 3 Policy Update
- Sep 18 Verification Webinar
- Sep 20 Verification Webinar
- Sep 26 Zone 6 Policy Update
- Sep 27 Zone 5 Policy Update
- Sep 27 Zone 7 Policy Update
- Sep 28 Zone 1 Policy Update

October 2018

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- Oct 24-26 2018 Annual Conference School Nutrition Administrators (Durham/RTP)
- Oct 30 SummerPalooza! (Hickory)

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