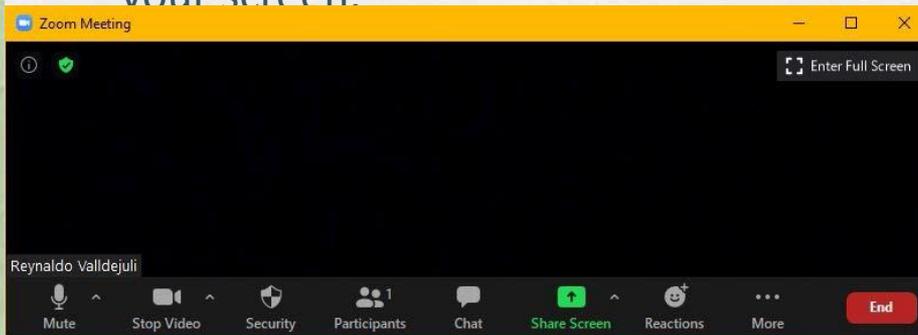


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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



**Nutrition Support Monthly
Call
March 2023**

Agenda

- What's New in Memos and Resources
- Important Due Dates
- 2022 NSLP Equipment Grant
- Summer Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT)
- Supply Chain Assistance
- Proposed Rule
- School Year 2022-2023 Flexibilities
- Transitional Standards on Milk, Whole Grains and Sodium Final Rule
- School Meals Standards Proposed Rule
- Medicaid Demonstration Project
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- Summer 2023 Updates



What's New in Memos and Resources?



-  SFS-23-050 SA and SFA Webinars -Proposed Rule Revisions to CNP Meal Patterns Consistent With the 2020 Dietary Guidelines.pdf
-  SFS-23-051 SP16-2022 Thrid SCA Funds to Alleviate Supply Chain Disruptions in the School Meals Programs.pdf
-  SFS-23-052 PROPOSED RULE PUBLISHED - CNP Revision to Meal Patterns Consistent with the 2020 Dietary Guidelines.pdf
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-  SFS-23-058 New feature alert for the Professional Standards Training Tracker Tool!.pdf
-  SFS-23-059 Child Nutrition Memos Related to the Public Health Emergency.pdf
-  SFS-23-060 FY 2022 Equipment Grant Award Extension.pdf

-  SFS-23-061 Summer 2023 Non-Congregate Meal Service in Rural Areas Guidance.pdf
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-  SFS-23-063 February 2023 SNAP and TANF loaded to eScholar DirectMatch.pdf
-  SFS-23-064 Webinar Recording Available- CNP Revisions to Meal Patterns Consistent with the 2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans.pdf
-  SFS-23-065 Celebrate National Nutrition Month and National School Breakfast Week March 2023.pdf

CEP Population and Elections

- There will be a hard deadline for Population Data of April 15, 2023.
- Population data is reported as of April 1, 2023
- Data must be “refreshed” on the population tab prior to submission

- Please begin working on your data NOW
- First year of Medicaid Demonstration Project
- Ensure all direct matches are entered
- Ensure all extended matches are made
- Ensure every active school is in your Population Data tab

CEP Population and Elections

**You will NOT be allowed to make changes to
Population Data after April 15, 2023.**

The data is as-of April 1, 2023.

CEP Definitions

- Renew: this means you are starting a new 4-year cycle
- Continue: this means you are continuing your current base year (moving into the next year of your cycle)
- Base Year: the first SY the CEP data is used
- Grace Year: this is a terrible term. A grace year means you ended your 4 year cycle and no longer qualify for CEP (under 40%). A grace year allows you to continue offering free meals to all students at that very low claiming percentage.
- ISP: The number of identified students divided by the enrollment (x100)
- Claiming percentage: your ISP times the multiplier of 1.6.

Please note that qualifying for CEP does not qualify your SFA for 100% free claiming!

Weekly emails

Due to staff shortages, we have been unable to continue the weekly email updates in 2023.

If you have any questions, please reach out to childnutritionprograms@la.gov or call 225-342-9661.

If you reach out and don't receive a response within 24 hours, please contact the information provided above.

SFS-23-034: 2022 NSLP Equipment Assistance Grants for SFAs
Application Period Closed January 31, 2023

Open Application Period Closed: January 31, 2023

- SFAs were eligible to apply for up to \$24,000 per piece of equipment and per eligible site
- Target date for awards notification was February 24, 2023. However, target date has been extended as we await guidance from USDA.

SFS-23-039 January 2023

SFS-23-063 February 2023

SNAP / TANF Loaded to eScholar DirectMatch

- Please be aware that the January and February SNAP and TANF data have been loaded to eScholar DirectMatch.
- The LDOE ran the statewide SNAP and TANF matches for all school districts (public and non-public).
- Districts should resolve any near matches in the batches below: SNAP batch # 4312 & 4439
TANF batch # 4311 & 4438
- For assistance, please email Jayanthi.Sothirajah@la.gov

SFS-23-039 January 2023 Medicaid

Free and Reduced Lunch files loaded to eScholar DirectMatch

- The January Medicaid Free Lunch and Medicaid Reduced Lunch data has been loaded to eScholar DirectMatch.
- The LDOE ran the statewide Medicaid Free Lunch and Medicaid Reduced Lunch matches for all school districts (public and non-public).
- Districts should resolve any near matches in the batches below:
- Medicaid Free Lunch batch # 4403
- Medicaid Reduced Lunch batch # 4402

For assistance, please email
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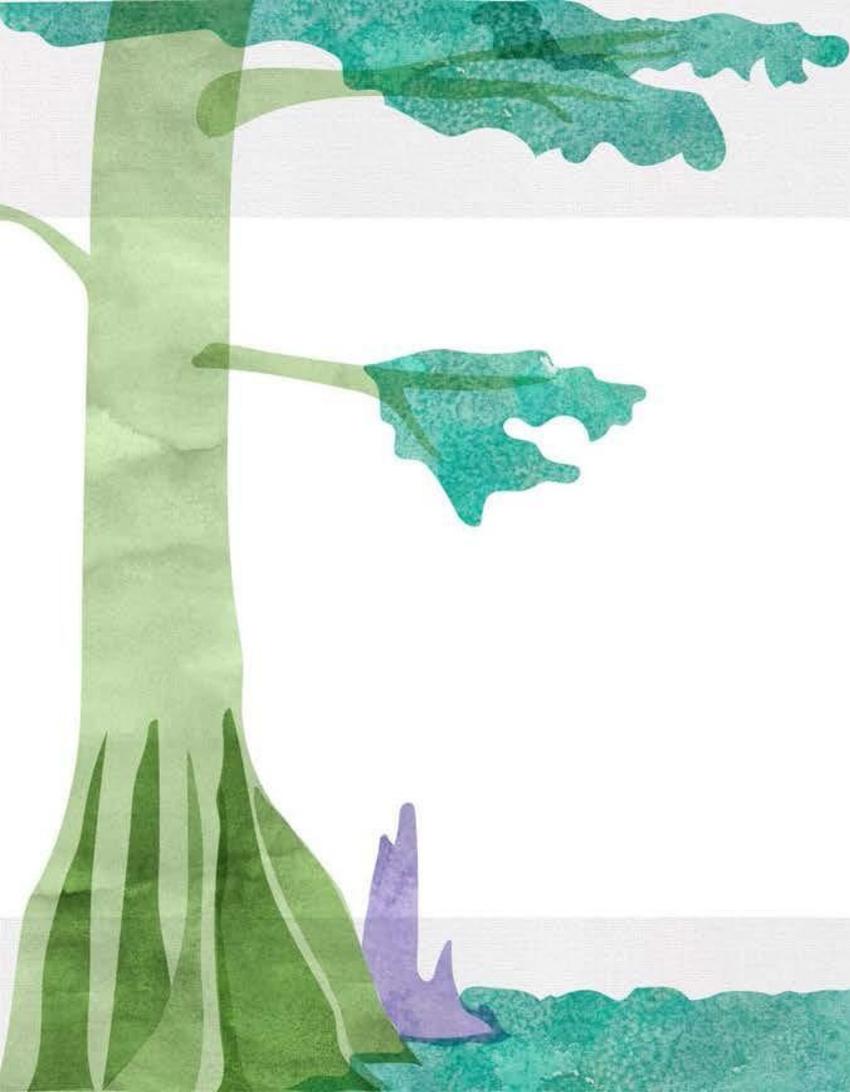
SFS-23-041 Summer Food Service Program 2023 Survey

Many children rely on school meals, so they do not go hungry.
Nutrition Support wants to hear about your plans to keep kids fed over the
summer months, when school is out!

- Please use the QR code on this slide to complete the Summer 2023 Survey with using a smart phone now!



- The State agency has received great response so far, so please join our efforts to keep kids fed, healthy and happy over the summer months! Input from you makes a big difference in the Summer Programs!



Legislative Updates

Streamlining Program Requirements and Improving Integrity in the SFSP: Webinar Recording

- The recording of the September 21, 2022, Streamlining Program Requirements and Improving Integrity in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Final Rule webinar is now available for all Child Nutrition Program operators.
- The PowerPoint slide deck from the webinar is also available. Both links can be found on the FNS website at: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/streamlining-summer>.

Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023

On December 29, 2022, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 (H.R. 2617) was signed by the President and became law. This omnibus bill (sometimes simply referred to as omnibus or omni) funds the government for the remainder of FY 23.

Policy Changes:

- Permanently allowing non-congregate summer meal service in specific situations,
- Establishing a permanent, nationwide Summer EBT benefits, and
- Addressing stolen or “skimmed” SNAP benefits

Non-Congregate Summer Feeding

Based on this legislation, the following supports will be available:

For Summer 2023:

- Pandemic EBT remains available in states that have approved plans
 - The benefit level has been lowered to \$120 max total for the summer
- Non-congregate summer meals will be an option in rural areas without congregate sites using guidelines and models that USDA developed for earlier demonstration projects like Meals to You.
 - States must submit a plan by April 1

Non-Congregate Summer Feeding

Based on this legislation, the following supports will be available:

For Summer 2024 and beyond:

- Summer EBT will be available nationwide to all children eligible for free or reduced-price school meals based on regulations to be issued by USDA sometime in 2023.
- Non-congregate summer meals will be an option in rural areas without congregate sites available based on regulations to be issued by USDA sometime in 2023.

Rural Locations

USDA Rural Designation Map



SFS-23-035 Annual Adjustments to Reimbursement Rates

- The annual adjustments to the reimbursement rates for meals served in the Summer Food Service Program for Children for calendar year 2023 have been released.
- The new rates reflect an increase in the SFSP reimbursement according to changes in the Consumer Price Index, as required under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act.
- The notice is published in the Federal Register at: [Click here for Federal Register: Summer Food Service Program 2023 Reimbursement Rates](#) or access the [pdf at 2023-00002.pdf \(govinfo.gov\)](#)
- The USDA FNS public website also provides these links at [USDA.gov](#) under [Summer Food Service Program - 2023 Reimbursement Rates | Food and Nutrition Service](#)

Expiration of the Public Health Emergency

<http://cnp.doe.louisiana.gov/DNAMemos/SFS/memos/2023/SFS-23-059%20Child%20Nutrition%20Memos%20Related%20to%20the%20Public%20Health%20Emergency.pdf>

Expiration of off-site monitoring when the PHE ends

1. Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for State Agencies in the Child and Adult Care Food Program – EXTENSION 3
2. Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements for Sponsors in the Child and Adult Care Food Program – EXTENSION
3. Nationwide Waiver of Onsite Monitoring Requirements in the School Meal Programs – Revised – EXTENSION 3

Reimbursement Rates

We also anticipate that reimbursement rates for 2023-2024 will return to the pre-pandemic rates with the expected annual adjustments only.

Proposed Rule: Child Nutrition Programs: Revisions to Meal Patterns Consistent With the 2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans

- New standards proposed based on Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2020-2025
- Notably, this rulemaking proposed
 - New added sugars standards
 - Gradually reducing sodium limits
 - Codifying the 80% whole grain rich standard

Comments on Proposed Rule

USDA invites interested persons to submit written comments on the provisions of this proposed rule.

Comments can be made:

- Online (preferred) at www.regulations.gov
- Mail: Send comments to School Meals Policy Divisions, Food and Nutrition Service, P.O. Box 9233, Reston, VA 20195

SP 02-2023 Determining Eligibility for Severe Need Reimbursement for the School Breakfast Program (SBP) and the Two Cent Differential Reimbursement for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) in School Year (SY) 2023-2024

- This guidance applies to State agencies and school food authorities administering the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program in SY 2023-2024; and
- Provides clarification on how to determine eligibility for the severe need reimbursement rates for the School Breakfast Program and the two cent differential reimbursement in the National School Lunch Program in SY 2023-2024.
- Schools are eligible for the severe need breakfast reimbursement rates if 40 percent or more of NSLP lunches served to students at school during the second preceding school year were at the free or reduced price rate (42 U.S.C. 1773(d) and 7 CFR 220.9(d)). School food authorities (SFAs) are eligible for the two cent differential reimbursement for lunches if 60 percent or more of the NSLP lunches served in the second preceding school year were at the free or reduced price rate (42 U.S.C. 1753(b)(2)).

Moving Forward: Guidance for SY 2023-2024

- If a school claimed meals under NSLP for each month from October 2021 through April 2022, the State agency will determine that the school operated the NSLP for all of the 2021-2022 School Year.
- Otherwise, the State agency must use the guidance in upcoming slides for schools that operated SSO in place of NSLP under the Nationwide Waiver, during the 2021-2022 School Year.

Severe Need Breakfast Reimbursement

- State agencies must use data from at least three claims in SY 2022-2023 to establish eligibility for severe need reimbursement in SY 2023-2024.
- As a reminder, even if a school is participating in the CEP as part of a group, the school's eligibility for severe need breakfast reimbursement must be based on school's individual ISP.
- Applying this guidance to SY 2023-2024:
- If a CEP school operated NSLP in SY 2021-2022, State agencies must use the school's individual ISP from SY 2021-2022 for the severe need determination in SY 2023-2024. o
- If a CEP school operated SSO through the Nationwide Waiver during SY 2021-2022, State agencies must use the school's individual ISP from SY 2022-2023 for the severe need determination in SY 2023-2024.
- For schools that are new in SY 2023-2024 or which do not have at least three months of [claims from SY 2022-2023, State agencies may follow Eligibility for Severe Need Rates for the School Breakfast Program | Food and Nutrition Service \(usda.gov\).](#)

Two Cent Differential Reimbursement for Lunch

- SFAs that operated the NSLP in all of their schools during SY 2021-2022 have second prior year data available to determine eligibility for the two cent differential reimbursement for SY 2023-2024.
- Therefore, for these SFAs, State agencies must use the percentage of lunches served free or at the reduced price during SY 2021-2022 to determine eligibility for the two cent differential reimbursement for SY 2023-2024.
- For SFAs with one or more sites that operated SSO under the Nationwide Waiver during SY 2021- 2022, State agencies must use data from at least three claims in SY 2022-2023 to establish eligibility for the two cent differential in SY 2023-2024.
- For SFAs that are new to the NSLP in SY 2023-2024 or which do not have at least three months of claims from SY 2022-2023, State agencies may follow [Determining Eligibility for Two Cent Differential Reimbursement in New Schools | Food and Nutrition Service \(usda.gov\)](#).

SFS-23-044 Louisiana Team Nutrition Culinary Training Registration is Open

- The Louisiana Team Nutrition Festival of Flavors Project, is hosting four Culinary Trainings.
- The trainings will be held in: Lake Charles, Baton Rouge, Monroe and Alexandria in February and March.
- Visit the calendar on the <https://www.louisianafitkids.com> to register
- Contact Cathy Carmichael at catherine.carmichael@pbrc.edu or 225-763-2799 with questions.
 - [March 14th Monroe](#)
 - [March 16th Alexandria](#)

SFS 23-054 Income Eligibility Guidelines

This notice announces the Department's annual adjustments to the Income Eligibility Guidelines to be used in determining eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and free milk for the period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. These guidelines are used by schools, institutions, and facilities participating in the National School Lunch Program (and Commodity School Program), School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program for Children, Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program.

Federal Register Link: Child Nutrition Programs: Income Eligibility Guidelines: [CLICK HERE](#) for Federal Register SY 23-24 Child Nutrition Programs Income Eligibility Guidelines

FNS website link: [CLICK HERE](#) for FNS Child Nutrition Programs SY 23-24 Income Eligibility Guidelines

March 2023 Trainings

Wednesday, March 8, 2023: Nutrition Support Office Hours at 1:00pm

Thursday, March 9, 2023: SFSP (Returning Sponsors) at 10:30am **CANCELLED**

Tuesday, March 14-Wednesday March 15, 2023: SFSP New Sponsor Training (live, 2 day training at PBRC)

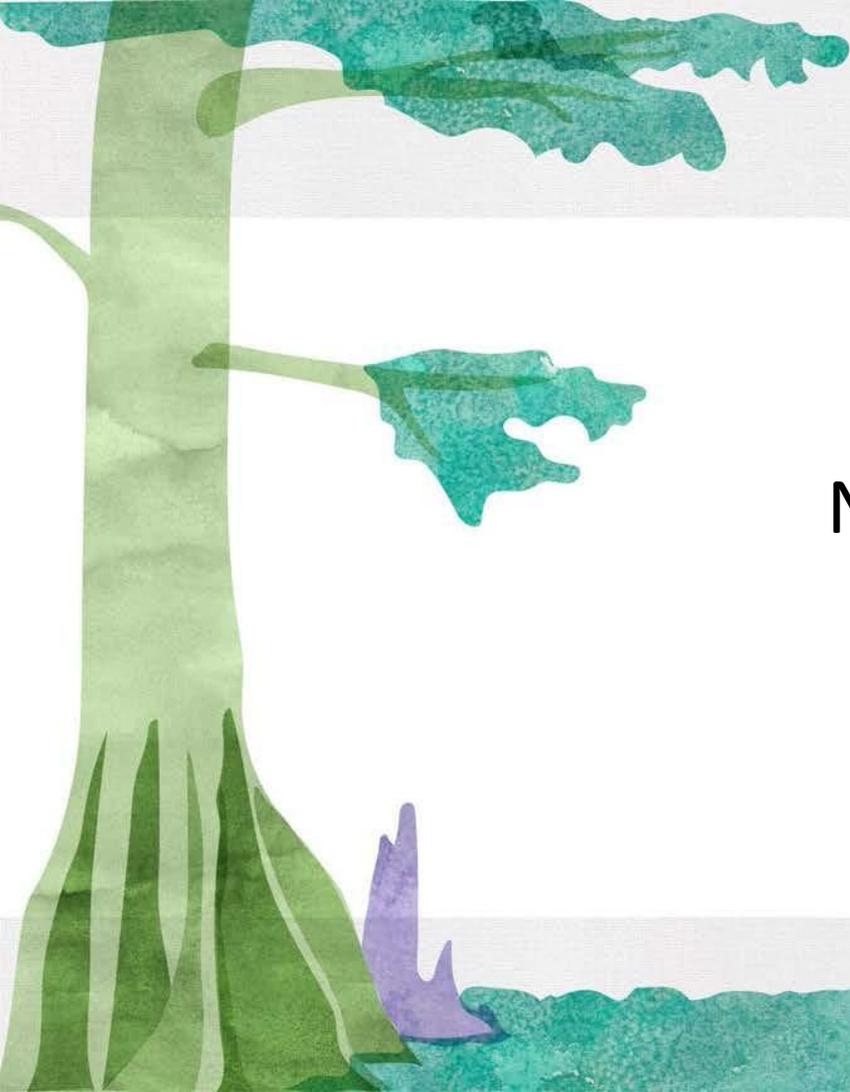
Thursday, March 16, 2023: Community Eligibility Provision at 1:00 pm

Tuesday, March 21, 2023: Streamlining Requirements and Improving Integrity in the SFSP Final Rule & Implementing Non-Congregate Feeding from 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Thursday, March 23, 2023: SFSP (Returning Sponsors) at 1:00 pm

Tuesday, March 28, 2023: SFSP (Prospective New Sponsors) at 1:00pm

Thursday, March 30, 2023: SFSP Recordkeeping at 1:00pm



National School Breakfast Week

March is National Nutrition Month

National Nutrition Month® is an [annual campaign](#) created 50 years ago in 1973 by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. During the month of March, everyone is invited to learn about making informed food choices and developing healthful eating and physical activity habits.

This year's theme is "Fuel for the Future." Eating with sustainability in mind is a tasty way to nourish ourselves during every phase of life and protect the environment. A Registered Dietitian Nutritionist can help you create healthy habits that are sustainable and celebrate your unique needs.

Check out the Social Media Toolkit [here](#).

School Breakfast Week is March 6-10

To encourage more families to take advantage of the healthy choices available with school breakfast, Louisiana schools will celebrate **National School Breakfast Week (NSBW) March 6-10, 2023**. The NSBW campaign theme, "DIG IN to School Breakfast," reminds the entire school community that healthy breakfast options available at school provide an energizing start to the day for students.

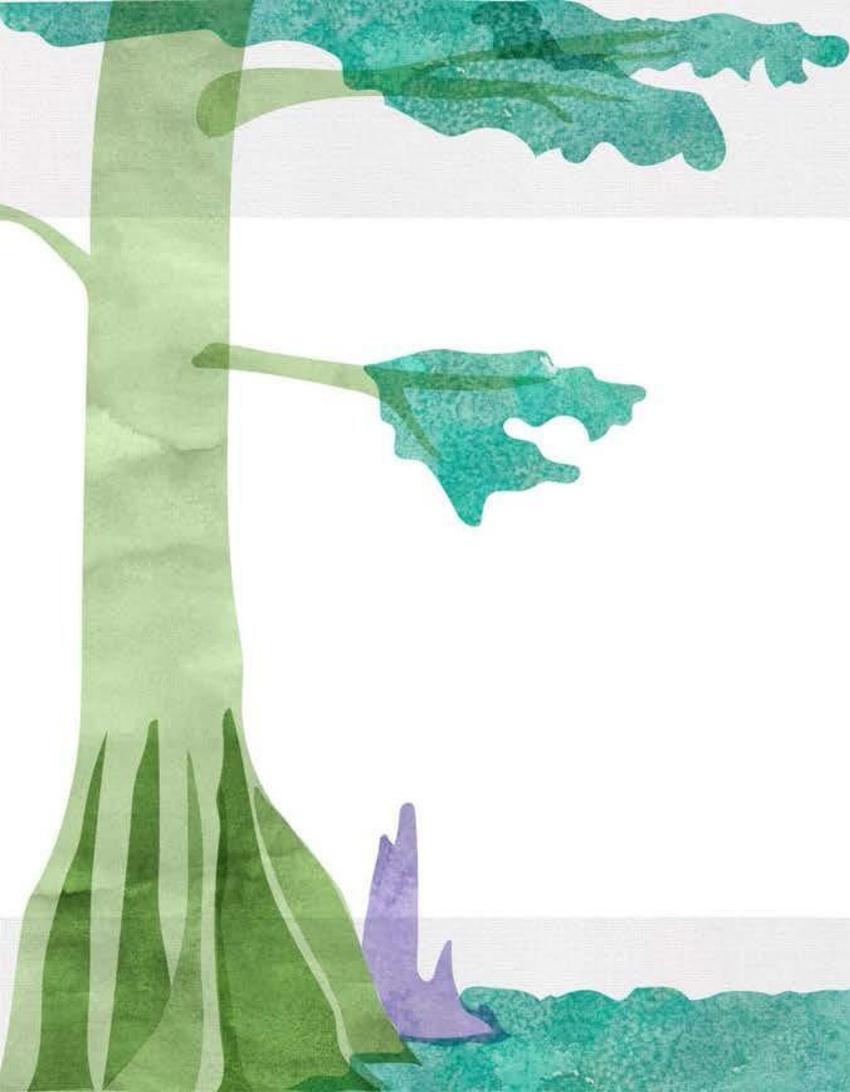
Click [here](#) for marketing resources from the School Nutrition Association.

Pi Day is Tuesday, March 14th

Think about all of the circles in your kitchens and cafeterias including: cans, cucumber slices, pots, pans, cups, round tables etc.... March 14th (3/14) commemorates the irrational, transcendent, and never-ending ratio that helps describe **circles** of all sizes.

Pi (π) Day has become an international holiday, celebrated live and online all around the world. Divide any circle's circumference by its diameter; the answer (whether for a pie plate or a planet) is always approximately 3.14, a number we represent with the Greek letter π .

Celebrate Pi Day! [Here](#) are some great resources and activities.



Important Due Dates for March 2023

Important Due Dates: March 2023

- Submit your February claims for reimbursement
- Submit site Health Inspections on the CNP website
- Submit meal denials in the cnp website
- Direct Match preparation for CEP Population Data due in April

Monitoring: SBP, NSLP, ASP, FSMC

- ✓ SBP and NSLP Monitoring: Due Prior to February 1st
 - ❖ [School Food Authority On-Site Review Checklist](#)

- ✓ After-School Snack Program Monitoring: Due in the 1st Four Weeks of the Program:
 - ❖ [After-School Snack Program Monitoring Form](#)

- ✓ FSMC Monitoring Form for SFAs: Twice per Year:
 - ❖ [After-School Snack Program Monitoring Form](#)

cnp.doe.Louisiana.gov/DNAMemos/Forms.asp

School Outreach Requirement for Summer

- USDA regulations require all SFAs and Sponsors participating in Child Nutrition Programs to promote SFSP programs operating in the area when school is closed.
- Ideas for promoting other SFSP programs in your district include: robo-calls, emails, or text messages with links to sign-ups and information posted directly to district websites and newsletters

SFSP Racial Ethnic Data Form

- The requirement to end the practice of visual identification was effective as of May 17, 2021.
- By January 1, 2023, program operators must have alternative means to capture the data.
- Adult participants and parents and guardians **may be asked** to identify the racial or ethnic group of the participant only after it has been explained, and they understand, that providing the information is to ensure compliance with USDA nondiscrimination requirements only and that failure to report the information will not impact the participant's eligibility for meals.

Racial Ethnic Data Form

- FNS discourages asking a child to self-identify their race and ethnicity, as this practice may be confusing to young children.
- However, FNS understands that requesting information verbally may be uncomfortable for staff and for participants. Respect for individual dignity should guide the processes and methods for collecting data on race and ethnicity; ideally, respondent self-identification should be facilitated to the greatest extent possible.

Racial Ethnic Data Form

- State agencies and program operators may wish to consider the following to collect data:
 - Use individual school enrollment data to obtain racial and ethnic data for individual children.
 - SFSP sites that are able to obtain children's names and have access to school enrollment records may use them to obtain racial and ethnic data (SFAs only)

Racial Ethnic Data Form

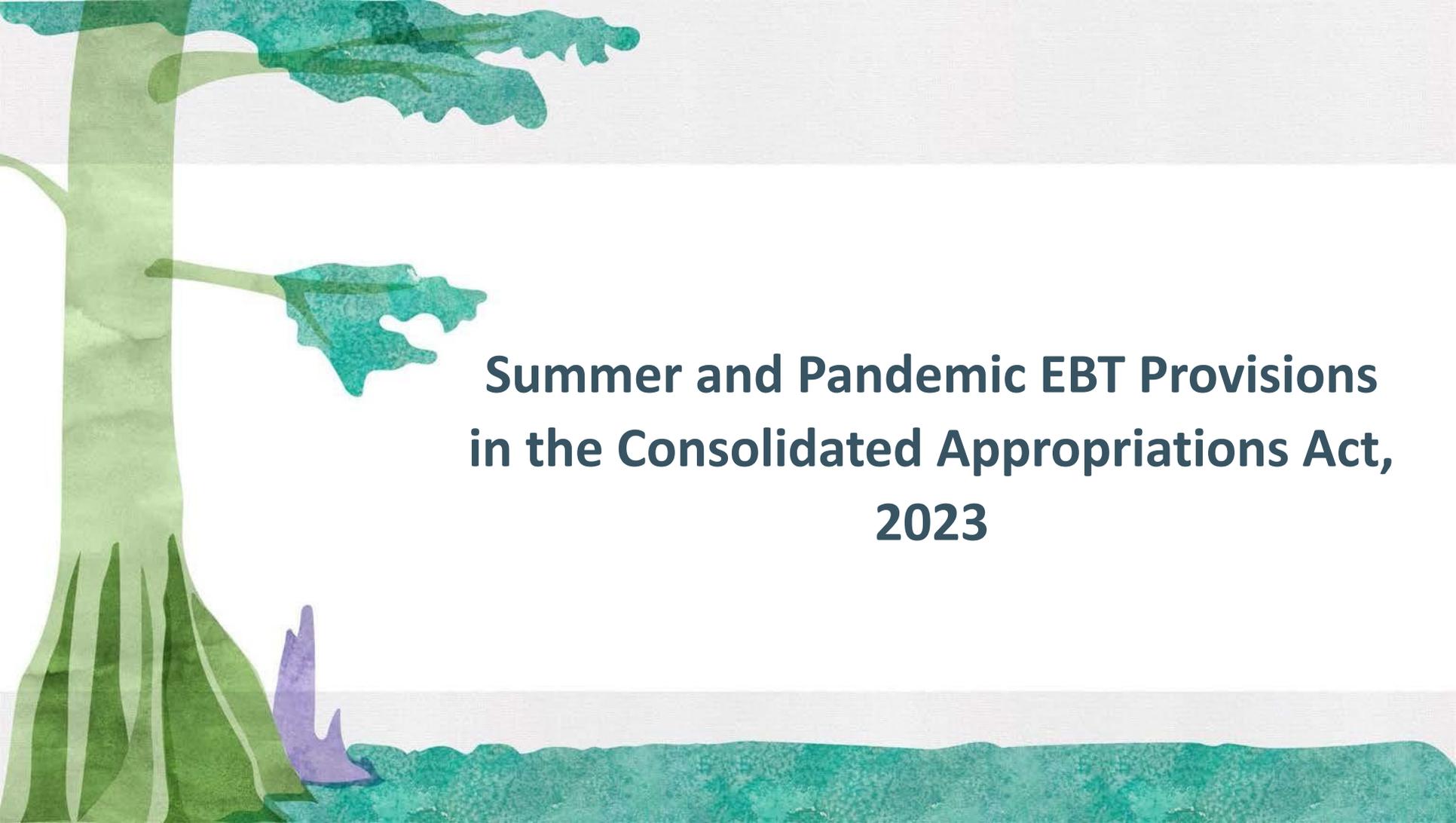
- Providing racial and ethnic data is voluntary to program participants. If A program operator is unable to collect a participant's information, their response may be marked "unknown." For that reason, FNS does not expect that the number of respondents will equal the number of children at a meal service site.
- However, FNS does expect program operators to continue to try to capture the data.
- Additional Resources: FNS Instruction 113-1 Part XII in addition to the previously referenced Policy memos [CACFP 11-2021, SFSP 07-2021](#) and [Policy Memo: CACFP 09-2022, SFSP 05-2022](#) with [Questions and Answers](#).



Online Applications and Claim Submission for SY 2022-2023

60 Calendar Day Deadline for Claim Submission and Keeping CNP Online Application Data Up to Date

- The 60 calendar day deadline for submitting claims still applies.
- A one time exception is allowed only once every 36 months (3 years)
- Update and make corrections to the CNP Online Application whenever changes occur / as needed

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**Summer and Pandemic EBT Provisions
in the Consolidated Appropriations Act,
2023**

Summer and Pandemic EBT Provisions in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023

- [FRAC Summer and Pandemic EBT Provisions in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023](#)
- All states and territories, as well as Indian Tribal organizations that participate in WIC can participate beginning in summer 2024.
- Families will receive at least \$40 a month per eligible child, totaling \$120 per child summer benefit, in 2024.
- Children attending year-round schools are eligible for benefits and the Secretary of Agriculture will establish those guidelines.

Summer and Pandemic EBT Provisions in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023

- Summer EBT benefits can be used by families to purchase food from retailers approved for participation in the SNAP.
- Benefits will be automatically issued to eligible children who were certified for free or reduced-price meals in the school year **immediately preceding the summer** and must make an application available for children who were not certified for free or reduced-price school meals.
- Additionally, there must be a way for eligible households to opt out of the program.
- The benefits should be used by families during the **summer months**. States are required to remove (expunge) benefits from the EBT card after four months. The Secretary of Agriculture will determine the exact rules on expungement timelines.

Pandemic EBT

- Pandemic EBT will remain available for both school-age and young children during the summer of 2023.
- Eligible children will receive a \$40 per month benefit.
- Children who are homeschooled or attend school virtually during the 2022–2023 school year due to concerns about the pandemic remain eligible for Pandemic EBT benefits during the school year but are no longer eligible for benefits during the summer of 2023.
- The requirement that states have a school-year plan for children in child care or school age children in order to issue Pandemic EBT benefits for the summer of 2023 was eliminated.
- If the Public Health Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 is extended into the 2023– 2024 school year, then states are eligible to run the Pandemic EBT Program during the time the Public Health Emergency is in place during instructional months.



Support

Support Toolboxes

- [Data Manager Toolbox](#)

Helpful Links

- [PEBT website](#)
- [Parent Portal / LA CAFÉ login](#)

Contacts

- Support Response: DCFS.PEBTSupport@la.gov
- DCFS Helpdesk for Parents: 1-888-524-3578 or 1-888-LAHELPU
- EBT Card Center Helpdesk: 1-888-997-1117



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Transitional Standards on Milk, Whole Grains and Sodium Final Rule

Transitional Meal Pattern Standards

SUMMARY OF CHANGES



MILK

Schools and child care providers may offer flavored, low-fat milk (1%) in addition to unflavored, low-fat milk and flavored or unflavored nonfat milk¹.



SODIUM

The weekly sodium limit for school lunch and breakfast will remain at the current level, known as Target 1, for school year 2022-2023. For school lunch only, the limit will decrease marginally (10%) in school year 2023-2024 to put schools on an achievable path toward long-term sodium reduction, which will be addressed in future rulemaking.



WHOLE GRAINS

At least 80% of the grains served in school lunch and breakfast per week must be whole grain-rich (containing at least 50% whole grains).

USDA Milk Tip Sheet for CNP Operators

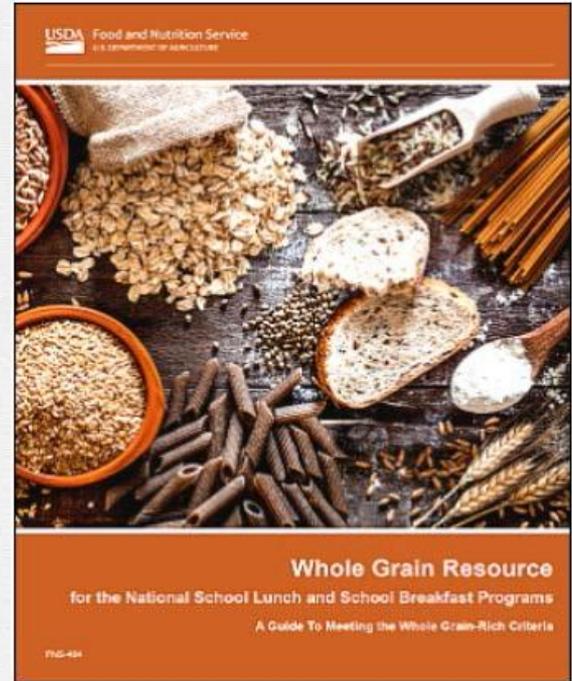
- USDA's Milk Tip Sheet is designed for program operators as a handy and easy-to-use reference on how to credit milk into the meal pattern requirements.

Availability

- All are welcome to download these materials and make copies. To download the file, please right-click on the link and “**save link as**”.
- https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/Milk_TipSheet.pdf

Whole Grains

- The [Whole Grain Resource for the National School Lunch and School](#) has been revised with the 2022 final rule for Child Nutrition Programs for Transitional Meal Standards
- Provides examples of various grain products often served in schools and walks the user through the process of determining whether products are whole grain-rich, creditable as enriched, or not creditable





Supply Chain Assistance Funds: Third Allocation

SFS-23-022 News from USDA FNS PartnerWeb: Supply Chain Assistance Webinar Recording

- The recording of the September 26 Program Monitoring and Operational Support Division webinar: Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) Best Practices for State Agencies and School Food Authorities is available for all School Food Authorities and State agency staff.
- [The webinar recording is available: CLICK HERE FOR Supply Chain Assistance \(SCA\) Best Practices for State Agencies and School Food Authorities - YouTube](#)

Third Allocation of Supply Chain Assistance Funds

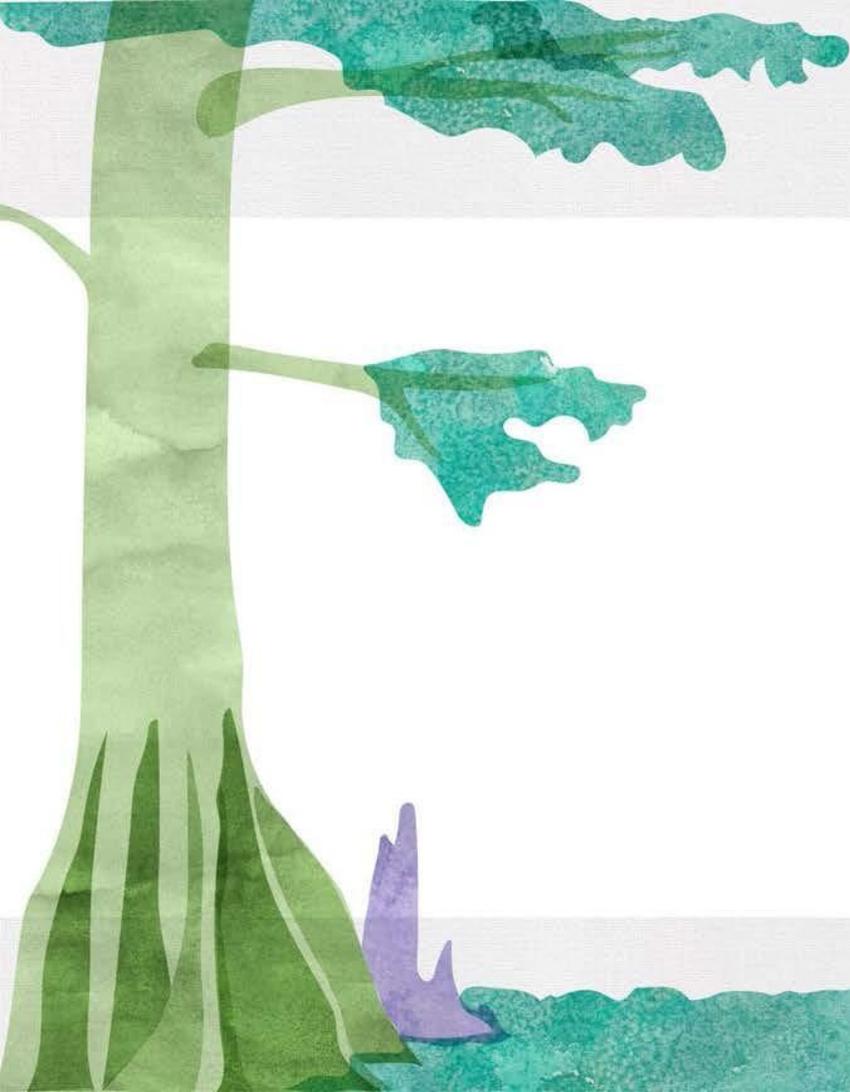
Because the underlying conditions fueling supply chain disruptions and other economic uncertainty remain significant in many parts of the country, FNS provided an additional \$471.5 million in SCA funds

State agencies will distribute this third round of SCA funding to eligible School Food Authorities (SFAs) via the same formula used to distribute the first and second rounds of funds.

Much like the Second Allocation of SCA funds, these funds remain limited to the purchase of unprocessed or minimally processed domestic food products.

Supply Chain Assistance Resources

- Please refer to the following resources for more information:
 1. USDA Memo SP 15-02 [Second Allocation of Supply Chain Assistance Funds](#)
 2. [USDA Questions and Answers regarding Supply Chain Assistance Funds](#)
 3. The [slides](#) and [recording](#) from the March 10th SCA training posted on the [Louisianafitkids.com](#) website
 4. Register for the February 9th training on Supply Chain Assistance Funds at <https://www.louisianafitkids.com/Meetings/Home/MeetingRegistration>



Procurement and FSMC Allowable Costs

Procurement Updates and Reminders

Procurement Regulations and SFA Procurement Plan for SY 2022-2023

- Please ensure that all state procurement laws and regulations are followed

Small Purchase and Micro-purchase Thresholds

- On May 31, 2022, Governor John Bel Edwards signed House Bill 221 (Act 204) into law.
 - Increases the micro-purchase threshold from **\$10,000 to \$30,000**
 - Increases the small purchase threshold from **\$30,000 to \$60,000**
- Normal purchasing guidelines regarding quotes with small purchases still apply
- Effective date: August 1, 2022

Memo SFS-23-008 Charter Schools Using FSMCs

- Food Service Management Companies: Charges Outside of Allowable Expenses
- CNP Food Service Management Company Contracts are Limited to a Meal Times Rate Contract
- Refer to Section 1 – Scope and Purpose of the Prototype FSMC, Item FF
 - “The charge to the SFA/Sponsor for FSMC’s fee is to be clearly identified in the proposal. Fees imposed by a FSMC outside of this contract may not be paid for with Child Nutrition Funds”.
- Refer to the Proposal Summary and Agreement signed by the FSMC that states:
 - “...The offeror also understands that the FSMC cannot charge any fees other than the meal cost as indicated above for the number of meals served. The FSMC will not charge late fees, charge for meals delivered, etc.”

Charter Schools Using FSMCs

The RFP template and Contract Renewal templates have been posted to the CNP website.

Questions

Contact the
LDOE Division of Nutrition Support at
childnutritionprograms@la.gov or
225-342-9661

