

THE OUTLOOK

Your Guide to School-Based Child Nutrition Programs



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ADMINISTRATIVE ALERTS

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 – UPDATES!

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-296) brings about many important improvements to the Child Nutrition Programs, **including the recently released new meal pattern standards** (see next article). To assist schools with implementation, the Nutrition Programs Division at the Illinois State Board of Education has recently updated a summary of the sections of this act that impact school-based programs at www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/hunger_free.htm (click on *School-Based Child Nutrition Programs*). The USDA continues to issue guidance on these changes, and we will provide updates accordingly. If you have questions, please contact us at (800) 545-7892 or cnp@isbe.net.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program –SY2012-2013 Grant Application Due March 15, 2012

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) grant application is currently available online at http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/ffv_program.htm. A recorded webinar, also available at the link provided, gives detailed guidance on how to complete the grant application. The deadline to apply for FFVP (School Year 2012-2013) is March 15, 2012.

Community Eligibility Option (CEO)

CEO is an alternative to collecting, approving, and verifying household eligibility applications for free and reduced price eligible students in high poverty local educational agencies (LEAs) for schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

For a LEA to be eligible to use CEO for school year 2012-2013, the LEA must have one or more school that have an **identified student** percentage of 40% or greater as of April 1, 2012. The identified student percentage is NOT the same as the total number of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals. Identified student counts ONLY include the following:

- Directly certified students and extension of direct certification benefits to other household members
- Homeless students certified as such by the district liaison
- Migrant youth certified by local officials
- Runaway youth certified by local officials
- Income Eligible Head Start students
- Pre-K Even Start students, and
- Foster children, certified based on documentation from the foster child case worker.

The LEA and school must agree to offer all enrolled students breakfasts and lunches at no cost (free) and cover any cost above the federal reimbursement received with non-Federal funds. CEO is approved for four successive school years, with an option annually to return to

traditional meal counting and claiming procedures. Reimbursement for schools participating in CEO is based on claiming percentages (Free and Paid only) derived from the percentages of identified students multiplied by a USDA established factor.

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Nutrition Programs Division will host a webinar on CEO on March 27, 2012 from 2:00pm - 3:30pm. This webinar will provide interested sponsors general information about CEO, how to determine the “identified student” number as well as application information. Please register for this webinar at <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/608304953>.

The CEO application for SY2012-2013 (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013) will be available online on April 1, 2012. The application must be completed and returned to ISBE for review no later than June 30, 2012.

For more information about CEO including the USDA Fact Sheet about this option, please visit our website at: http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/nslp_hhfka_implementation.htm

If you have any questions please contact our office via email at cnp@isbe.net or via telephone at 800/545-7892.

Summer Food Service Program – *A Program to help fill the nutritional gap for children*

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is encouraging school administrators to make sure students take advantage of free, nutritious meals and snacks available this summer at more than 1,700 summer food service program sites statewide. Applications to be a sponsor can be submitted to ISBE beginning March 1.

Summer food programs work by providing free meals and snacks to low-income children through age 18 when school is not in session. People ages 18 and older who are enrolled in school programs for persons with disabilities may also participate. Summer food programs typically operate June through August, but can start as early as May and can go into September.

During the summer of 2010, more than 105,000 low-income Illinois children ate free meals through summer food programs. Those children represent 14.7 percent of the roughly 721,000 children who ate free or reduced-priced meals during the 2009-2010 school year. Nationally, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that more than 18 million children received free or reduced-price school meals during the 2010 school year, but only 2.8 million children received summer meals.

ISBE administers two federally funded summer food programs – the USDA’s ‘Summer Food Service Program for Children’ and the federal National School Lunch Program’s ‘Seamless Summer Option.’ Both programs are designed to bridge the summer nutrition gap by offering free nutritious breakfasts, lunches or snacks to children age 18 and younger.

Local governments, school districts and non-profits can sponsor summer food sites, which may include schools, parks, recreation centers, housing projects, migrant centers, churches, summer camps and others. Organizations and government entities may apply to ISBE to be a summer food program sponsor beginning March 1 through June 15, 2012. Organizations may also

become a site with an existing sponsor; to learn more, visit the ISBE website at:
<http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/summer.htm>

Trainings for New and Current sponsors are being held through May 2012. To attend a New Sponsor Orientation or a Current Sponsor Webinar, visit
http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/sfsp_training.htm

Common Cent\$ - Claim Processing

This is a reminder that we process claims for payment each Tuesday. While we are vouchering the claims, the Sponsor Claim submission will NOT be available in ACES. You may submit Site claims as normal, but the Sponsor claim link will say 'not available'. If you click on the 'not available' link you will receive a message stating "NSL claims are currently being batched for payment and no claims may be submitted at this time. Please attempt to resubmit at a later time."

PLEASE make a note to check back and submit your sponsor claim. The claim submission process is not complete until the sponsor claim has been submitted. Once the sponsor claim has been submitted the site claim status will change to 'consolidated'. If site claims are still in 'submitted' status it means that the sponsor claim has not yet been submitted.

Please contact Sharon Hopson or Nicole Richards at 217-782-5256 or via email at shopson@isbe.net or nrichard@isbe.net for any claim questions.

USDA FOODS

Department of Defense Fresh Fruit and Vegetables – Unused Funds

For the current school year, the Department of Defense (DOD) allowed participation in the program to all schools that requested to participate subject to a \$500 allocation floor. ISBE allocated the money we could spend with DOD amongst all schools that selected yes under *Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Participation* on the *Annual Order Forms* menu option on ICS. Recent reports from DOD indicate many schools that have money allocated to them have yet to place any orders for fresh fruits or vegetables. Schools can see how much money has been allocated to them by selecting *Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Participation* on the *Annual Order Forms* menu option on ICS. Those schools that have not spent any of the money allocated to them are advised to contact DOD at 215-737-5573 to begin placing orders or risk having the money used by other schools participating in the program.

As in previous years, we anticipate there will be unused funds available for use by schools participating in the program beginning sometime in March 2012. Funds will be available until program funds for this school year are exhausted.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program SY2012-2013 Meal Pattern Question and Answer Webinar – March 21, 2012

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has released the nutrition standards for school meals beginning with school year 2012-2013. The new standards were designed to align school meals with the most recent nutrition recommendations and current capabilities of schools. The Nutrition Programs Division of the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) presented a webinar on the USDA Food Based Meal Pattern Overview for School Year 2012-2013 on February 22, 2012. This recorded webinar as well as the PowerPoint presentation used for this webinar are available on our website. (see link below)

Another webinar for Illinois schools on this topic is planned for March 21, 2012 beginning at 1:30 PM. The webinar will provide a brief overview of the new meal pattern with a focus on question and answers submitted by schools since the earlier webinar regarding overall implementation. **Space is limited** so please register at your earliest convenience online at <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/173745472>. If you are unable to attend the webinar, this webinar will be recorded and available for viewing at your convenience from our website shortly after the live webinar is presented.

The USDA currently has a number of resources available for schools to utilize to help them prepare for changes that are to be put into place for 2012-2013. The resources include:

- Final Rule: Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs
- School Meals Sample Menus – One Week - Elementary School only
- New Meal Patterns and Dietary Specifications Chart
- Implementation Timeline
- Policy Memo SP 10-2012: Questions and Answers on the Final Rule

To access these resources as well as the ISBE recorded webinar and PowerPoint presentation, please visit our website

http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/nslp_hhfka_implementation.htm.

If you have any questions, please contact our office via email at cnp@isbe.net or via telephone at 800/545-7892.

First Choice: A Procurement Training for School Food Service Training Announced

The Nutrition Programs Division of the Illinois State Board of Education is happy to announce a training opportunity related to general food service procurement planned for June 2012. Trainers with the National Food Service Management Institute (NFSMI) will be in Illinois to offer the 2½ day First Choice Procurement Training at two locations: June 5-7, 2012, in Springfield and June 12-14, 2012, in Joliet. Space is limited. Registration is available online at <http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnsclendar/asp/eventlist.asp>. The second edition of the “First Choice: A Purchasing Manual for School Food Service” (available online at <http://www.nfsmi.org/ResourceOverview.aspx?ID=64>) will be used for this training. The second edition updates procurement information and integrates food safety information to assist purchaser in establishing procedures to assure receipt of a safe product. Procurement

requirements will be explained including steps in purchasing, regulations, market place environment, product movement, bid units, specifications, brand approval, obtaining prices, monitoring cost, product testing, receiving and storage and purchasing cooperatives.

Fifth Annual Wellness Conference Announces Lineup

Adam Brumberg, Deputy Director of the Cornell Food & Brand Lab, has been selected as keynote speaker for the 5th Annual Illinois School Wellness and Recognition Conference, *Healthy School, Healthy Kids* on May 3, 2012 at the Springfield Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield.

Brumberg will address, Rethinking the Lunchroom Strategies to Increase Healthier Food Selection and Consumption (Behavioral Economics) and the Smarter Lunchroom Movement. The conference, which is co-sponsored by AFHK-Illinois and the Illinois State Board of Education and Illinois Nutrition Education and Training Program, is perfect for school administrators, food service staff, school nurses, educators, wellness committee members and anyone else who wants to learn more about encouraging healthy lifestyles and healthy food at school.

Other topics will include Farm to School, Local Wellness Policy, the New School Meal Pattern, Active Recess, Nutrition Education Programs, and much more!

Preregistration is required. Watch www.isbe.net/nutrition for registration soon. For more information about Behavioral Economics, please visit www.smarterlunchrooms.org

THE MELTING POT

HealthierUS School Challenge Update

USDA has recently posted the newest HUSSC awardees on the Team Nutrition website. Nationally, 2,862 schools have been HUSSC certified in 45 states! Kudos to Illinois recent HUSSC awardees: Representing Chicago Public Schools, District 299, Richard J. Daley Elementary Academy (Silver), LaSalle Language Academy (Bronze), and Nathan S. Davis Elementary School (Silver) These schools join Illinois' listing of 71 HUSSC awardees for a total of 74. View the Healthy Access Locator for more information at <http://www.healthyaccesslocator.com/>.

Does your school need money? Check out Dollars for Dairy

St. Louis District Dairy Council is offering local schools up to **\$2000** to support activities that promote dairy foods through a new competitive funding program called **Dollars for Dairy**.

Dollars for Dairy is a program designed to help schools encourage students to get three servings of dairy every day. Research has long supported dairy's role in building healthy children. And the recent USDA Nutrition Standards for School Meals recognize milk as a valuable cornerstone of school breakfast and lunch trays. Dollars for Dairy is about helping you guide students down the path of academic success by serving healthy foods—like dairy!

These funding resources are intended to boost student health by increasing their consumption of milk, cheese or yogurt. Funds may be used to support programs ranging from starting a breakfast program to adding a dairy item, such as yogurt-based smoothies, to your school menu. It's all about what works for you---in your school!

- Go to www.stldairyCouncil.org/Community-Programs/Dollars-For-Dairy to download the 2-page application.
- Send the completed application form:
Email to: info@stldairyCouncil.org (use "Dollars for Dairy" as subject line)
Fax to: (314) 835-9969
Mail to: 325 North Kirkwood Rd, Ste 222, St. Louis, MO 63122

Don't delay! The deadline to apply for funding is April 1st , 2012.

Questions? Contact St. Louis District Dairy Council at (314)835-9668 or visit our website at www.stldairyCouncil.org

Calendar of Events

March

- 1 Applications available for Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Sponsors
<http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/summer.htm>
- 10 Submit Reimbursement Claim through IWAS
- 15 Deadline to apply for SY2012-2013 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant
http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/ffv_program.htm.
- 21 Webinar – New Meal Pattern Requirements for National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs (1:30 pm) http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/sfsp_training.htm
- 27 Webinar – 2:00-3:30 pm – Community Eligibility Option – for NEW schools interested in applying for FY2012-2013. <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/608304953>.

April

Register to attend the 5th Annual Illinois School Wellness and Recognition Conference on May 3, 2012 at http://take.actionforhealthykids.org/site/Clubs?club_id=1121&pg=main

- 1 Per Public Act 96-0734, the State Superintendent of Education shall inform the school district in writing if an exemption from the Summer Food Service mandate was granted or denied. (This situation only occurs if the original exemption was appealed to the State Superintendent of Education.)

- 1 Deadline to apply for Dollars for Dairy Grant
www.stldairycouncil.org/Community-Programs/Dollars-For-Dairy
- 4 Webinar – 2:00-3:30 pm - Summer Food Service Program Claim for Reimbursement
<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/426259817>
- 10 Submit Reimbursement Claim
- 12 Orientation - Summer Food Service Program New Sponsors (Alsip)
http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/sfsp_training.htm
- 15 Per Public Act 96-0158, a school district whose request for exemption from operating school breakfast program was denied by their Regional Office of Education may appeal that decision to the State Superintendent of Education no later than April 15.
- 19 Orientation - Summer Food Service Program New Sponsor (Fairview Heights)
http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/sfsp_training.htm
- 20 Webinar – 2:00-3:30 pm - Summer Food Service Program Current Sponsor
http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/sfsp_training.htm

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