

THE OUTLOOK

Your Guide to School-Based Child Nutrition Programs



Highlights of School Year 2010-2011

Illinois School Foodservice and Nutrition Professionals Making Illinois Proud

As school year (SY) 2010–2011 ends, it is appropriate to reflect on the highlights of this year’s activities of Illinois schools and ISBE’s Nutrition Programs Division as follows:

- 30 trainings, including three webinars, were conducted statewide by ISBE Nutrition Programs staff covering food safety, the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, basic training, procurement, certification and verification, Community Eligibility Options, and more!
- Governor Quinn proclaimed November 15-19, 2010, as Illinois School Breakfast Week.
- The first Illinois School Breakfast Summit was held in the fall, with 125 attendees. The summit was a partnership with school districts, Dairy Council, and other breakfast advocates.
- Currently, almost 3,300 schools participate in the School Breakfast Program (SBP).
- 35 new sites were added in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).
- 184 schools were recipients of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Grants, during its 3rd year in Illinois with slightly over \$3.3 million being awarded.
- 1,380 schools have enrolled in USDA’s Team Nutrition (TN) Initiative, an increase of 13 percent over SY 10.
- The 4th Annual Illinois School Wellness Conference was held May 3, 2011, a partnership with Action for Healthy Kids-Illinois. The conference recognizes the continuing school wellness efforts in Illinois.
- Subscriptions to the Illinois Schools Can! Illinois NET eNewsletter, surpassed 3,800, an increase of 13 percent over SY 10.
- The Body Walk trunk resource was borrowed 19 times.



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Materials Mailed to School Food Authorities in May

Please watch for a mailing to each participating National School Lunch Program (NSLP) school/site this May. In addition to administrative and operational announcements for the upcoming school year, it will include the 2011-2012 *School-Based Child Nutrition Calendar* which highlights important requirements of the NSLP and provides corresponding due dates. If you have any questions regarding the mailing or its contents, please email cnp@isbe.net.

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

On December 13, 2010, the President signed the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-296). The Act makes many important improvements to the Child Nutrition Programs that serve millions of children across our country each day. As information becomes available on the implementation of this Act, ISBE will provide technical assistance through webinars and our website at http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/hunger_free.htm.

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010—Summer Food Service Program and School Food Authorities

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-296) establishes requirements for School Food Authorities (SFAs) that participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) to cooperate with participating sponsors in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) in reaching households on the availability and location of SFSP meals when the regular school year ends. Acceptable activities may include distributing materials, such as, paper fliers or electronic messages, prior to the end of the school year. Other activities to promote the availability and location of SFSP meals may be approved by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)—Nutrition Programs Division. ISBE staff is available to answer questions at 800/545-7892.

A SFSP Outreach Toolkit for Sponsors and Feeding Sites includes fliers, letters to parents, and other materials that may help schools raise program awareness among students and their families. The SFSP Toolkit is available at www.summerfood.usda.gov/library/toolkit.pdf.



Breakfast Program Summit Coming This Fall

Illinois has seen an increase in schools participating in the School Breakfast Program (SBP). Is your school/district considering implementing school breakfast? Stay tuned for an announcement at the 2nd annual Illinois School Breakfast Summit with information to be posted on our webpage at www.isbe.net/nutrition in late summer. We plan to host the summit in November 2011.

Taking Care of Business

Expect School Year 11-12 Household Eligibility Application Online

The Household Eligibility Application for free and reduced-price meals for the school year 2011-2012 will be posted on our Web site (www.isbe.net/nutrition) in June. All forms used in prior years to create copies for distribution should be discarded. The new application form must be used. Program regulations require schools to distribute free and reduced-price Household Eligibility Applications *no earlier than four calendar weeks prior to the time the students start school*. Schools cannot send letters home at the end of the current school year for the next school year nor can the schools begin accepting and processing applications before July 1 annually. If you have any questions, please contact Nutrition Programs at 800/545-7892, 217/782-2491, or via e-mail at cnp@isbe.net.

2011-2012 Sponsor and Site Applications for Participation in School-Based Child Nutrition Programs

Do you wish to participate in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program, and/or After-School Care Program during the 2011-2012 school year? If so, please check our website (<http://www.isbe.net/nutrition>—*What's New*) and/or watch for an e-mail notice by late July notifying you that the Sponsor and Site Applications are available on-line. They will be accessible by logging into ISBE Web Application Security (IWAS) and selecting the Child Nutrition Application and Claim Entry System (ACES). If you have any questions, please contact Nutrition Programs at 800/545-7892, 217/782-2491, or via e-mail at cnp@isbe.net.

Administrative Handbook Available Online

The July 2010 *School-Based Child Nutrition Programs Administrative Handbook* is currently available online at

http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/pdf/sbn_admin_handbook.pdf. ISBE is currently in the process of making updates and additions in preparation for 2011-2012 school year. Please check *What's New* at www.isbe.net/nutrition for information regarding the release of the July 2011 version.

USDA Foods

Annual Commodity Order and School Year 2012 Deliveries

Did you forget to place your SY 12 annual commodity order? It's not too late to place an order for next year. Log on to the Illinois Commodity System (ICS) and place your order now. Diversions to processors are not available after the annual order period but you can order everything else.

SY 2012 will begin with August 2011 deliveries. On July 13, 2011, recipient agencies will be able to go on ICS and look at the commodities allocated to them for this first delivery period. During the period July 13 through July 20 you have the ability to hold items allocated to you for delivery in future delivery periods. Please be sure to check the delivery schedule located on the Food Distribution website to find out when your August delivery will be. If your scheduled delivery date for August 2011 occurs before your school will be in session or before you need commodities, be sure to mark "Do Not Deliver" during the July 13-20 adjustment period. Have a great summer and be sure to contact the Food Distribution Program at (217) 782-2491 if you have any questions.

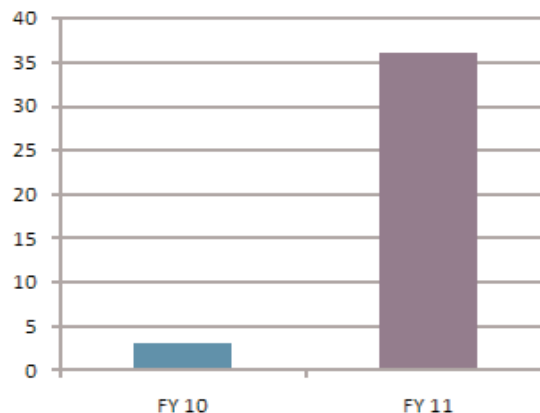
Spotlight on Schools

Illinois Experiencing Growth in HealthierUS School Challenge Certified and Team Nutrition Schools

Effective April 19, 2011, Illinois boasts 36 certified HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSSC) Schools with expectations of that number doubling by June 30, 2011. We commend these schools for demonstrating leadership and teamwork to effect positive changes to their schools' nutrition environment; improve the quality of the foods served, provide students with more nutritious, healthy choices, and enhance their physical activity program.

Learn more about becoming a HUSSC certified school at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/healthierus/index.html>.

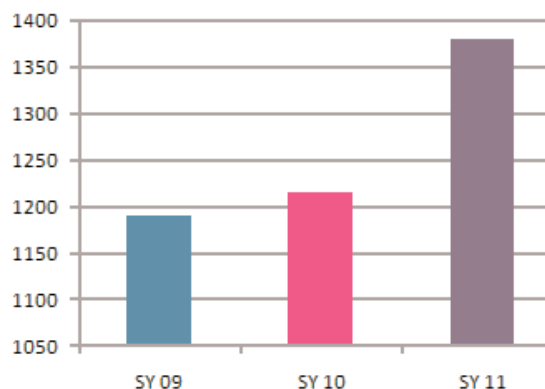
HealthierUS Schools Certified in Illinois



One thousand three hundred and eighty (1,380) schools in Illinois have enrolled in USDA's Team Nutrition (TN) Initiative, an increase of 13 percent over SY 10. Enrolling in Team Nutrition is the first simple step to becoming a HUSSC certified school. Visit <http://teammnutrition.usda.gov/team.html> to enroll today.



Team Nutrition Schools in Illinois



Upcoming Special Observances for FY 2012

Save the following dates to your calendar and begin planning for these special observances.

- National School Lunch Week (NSLW)—October 10-14, 2011 — *School Lunch: Let's Grow Healthy™*, www.schoolnutrition.org
- Illinois School Breakfast Week (ISBW)—November 14-18, 2011
- National School Breakfast Week (NSBW)—March 5-9, 2012—*School Breakfast-Go for Gold*, www.schoolnutrition.org
- School Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week—May 2012

School Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week Has Arrived



Are you celebrating *School Nutrition Employee* (formerly Child Nutrition) *Appreciation Week*, May 2-6, 2011? One simple way to do that is by sending an email card to your School Nutrition employees. Just go to <http://www.schoolnutrition.org/Blog.aspx?id=15176&blogid=622> and click away.

Visit the School Nutrition Association's website at www.schoolnutrition.org for a sample press release and proclamation, as well as an online appreciation wall. Take the few minutes to acknowledge your staff that provide nutritious, healthy foods to students each school day.

SCHOOL NUTRITION EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS nutritious meals at school are an essential part of the school day; and

WHEREAS the staff of the State of Illinois school meals and nutrition departments are committed to providing healthful, nutritious meals to the state's children;

WHEREAS the men and women who prepare and serve school meals help nurture our children through their daily interaction and support; and

WHEREAS the week of May 2-6, 2011 is School Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Illinois State Board of Education, Nutrition Programs Division expresses its deep appreciation to these valuable employees and commends their good work on behalf of children.

Flavor of the Month

Strawberries

May is Strawberry month. Test your knowledge of the most popular berry in the U.S.



True or False?

- Q. Just 25 percent of seven to nine year olds picked strawberries as their favorite fruit.
A. *False: 53 percent*
- Q. Strawberries are grown in every state in the United States and every province of Canada.
A. *True.*
- Q. Strawberries are the first fruit to ripen in the spring.
A. *True.*
- Q. Strawberries are a member of the petunia family.
A. *False. They are a member of the rose family.*
- Q. Forty-Nine percent of United States households consume strawberries.
A. *False: 94 percent*
- Q. One cup of strawberries is only 55 calories.
A. *True.*

How did you score? Have we whetted your appetite for strawberries in a mixed fruit salad, in shortcake, on a spinach salad? We hope so.

Adapted from University of Illinois Extension, <http://urbanext.illinois.edu/strawberries/facts.cfm>.

Professional Development

Certification of Eligibility and Verification Training Announced

Gain a solid understanding of the process for certifying and verifying Household Eligibility Applications for school meal programs, including use of the direct certification and direct verification process. This training begins at 8:30 a.m. and the workshop runs from 9:00-12:00.

The Dates and Locations follow:

July 26	Marion at the Williamson County Pavilion
July 27	Bloomington at the Doubletree Hotel
August 10	Schaumburg at the Courtyard Marriott
August 11	Kankakee at the Hilton Garden Inn

The Melting Pot

Fuel Up To Play 60 Grant—Due June 15

Need some moo-lah to jumpstart your school wellness program? Check out http://school.fueluptoplay60.com/funds/funds_for_futp60.php for local grant opportunities from America's Dairy Farmers. These funds are part of *Fuel Up To Play 60*, the in-school initiative created by National Dairy Council and the National Football League. *Fuel Up to Play 60* encourages students to fuel up with healthy foods and to be active for 60 minutes every day. **Apply by June 15, 2011 and you could earn up to \$3000 in wellness funds for your school!** Contact your local Dairy Council for more information, www.stldairy council.org covering Central and Southern Illinois and www.MidwestDairy.com for Northern Illinois and Chicago.

Nutrition Education Loan Library Closes

With the preponderance of new nutrition and food related resources, many available online and free of charge, and the increased costs of mailing resources; the Nutrition Education Loan Library officially closed effective May 1, 2011. We appreciate serving your nutrition education needs over 20 plus years.

Team Nutrition Events Calendar

Do not forget to take a few moments this summer to plan your special events using the Team Nutrition Events Calendar at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/Resources/Calendar/index.htm>.

Join The Outlook Newsletter List Serve

To receive monthly notices of *The Outlook* newsletter link, join *The Outlook* List Serve. Email: Outlook10-join@list.isbe.net and type only the e-mail address to be added in the message section. A confirmation will be sent to the e-mail address provided. School staff listed as the contact person on NSLP site and/or sponsor applications are already on *The Outlook* List Serve. For questions regarding *The Outlook* newsletter or list serve, please e-mail Joan Love at jlove@isbe.net or call 800/545-7892 (in Illinois) or 217/782-2491.



Share this newsletter link with staff in your school.

www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/newsletters.htm.

Calendar of Events June 2011 – August 2011

June

Complete the meal count edit prior to submission of the Claim for Reimbursement

Submit Claim for Reimbursement

15 Deadline to submit the Summer Food Service Program application

21-23 Illinois School Nutrition Association's 61st Annual Conference—Moline

Household Eligibility Application posted online at www.isbe.net/nutrition

July

Complete the meal count edit prior to submission of the Claim for Reimbursement

Submit Claim for Reimbursement

4 Independence Day Holiday—ISBE Office Closed

10-13 School Nutrition Association's 65th Annual National Conference—Nashville, Tennessee

13-20 Make changes, if needed, for August commodity deliveries

26 Certification of Eligibility and Verification Training—Marion

27 Certification of Eligibility and Verification Training—Bloomington

23-26 Society for Nutrition Education Annual Conference—Kansas City, MO

August

Complete the meal count edit prior to submission of the Claim for Reimbursement

Submit Claim for Reimbursement

10 Certification of Eligibility and Verification Training—Schaumburg

11 Certification of Eligibility and Verification Training—Kankakee

13-20 Make changes, if needed, for September commodity deliveries

Have a Wonderful Summer!

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