

THE OUTLOOK



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A Monthly Newsletter for School Nutrition and Wellness Programs



ADMINISTRATIVE ALERTS

Administrative Review/Procurement/ Resource Management Training Slated

Registration is underway for School Nutrition Programs Administrative Review/Procurement/Resource Management Training workshops scheduled across the state. The workshops are free and will be presented by Illinois State Board of Education Nutrition and Wellness Programs Division staff.

All four workshops offered are scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a working lunch provided. Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. Here are the dates scheduled:

- **Fairview Heights: Nov. 9** at the Four Points Sheraton Fairview Heights
- **Springfield: Nov. 10** at the Crowne Plaza
- **Lisle: Nov. 15** at the Hilton Lisle
- **Alsip: Nov. 16** at the DoubleTree Alsip

The workshops are offered to train school personnel on the requirements of the SNP administrative review process. General procurement training is designed to provide schools with information regarding the proper procedures to be used in the procurement of contracts for foods and goods (not meal services contracts) in SNP. The resource management portion is designated for superintendents, business managers, and/or those staff responsible for the financial aspects of the district.

To register, visit <http://isbe.net/nutrition/default.htm> and click the “SNP Administrative Review/Procurement/Resource Management Training” link under the “Child Nutrition Programs

WHAT'S NEW ONLINE?

- [Sign Up for Free School Nutrition Programs Software Courtesy of ISBE!](#)
- [Q & A: Purchasing Goods and Services Using Cooperative Agreements, Agents, and Third-Party Services](#)
- [SNP Verification Information](#)

Visit the Nutrition and Wellness Programs Division at <http://isbe.net/nutrition/default.htm>.

Workshops” header. Please note that seating is limited so register today!

If you have any questions, please contact our division staff at (800) 545-7892 or via email at cnp@isbe.net.

Sign Up ASAP for Access to Free School Nutrition Programs Software

Immediate action is required!

ISBE’s Nutrition and Wellness Programs Division is teaming up with Heartland School Solutions to provide school districts FREE access to software for School Nutrition Programs. The software tools include:

- Menu Planning
- Nutrient Analysis

- Production Records
- Inventory and Ordering

The software access is free and available on a first-come, first-served basis, so be sure to sign up today!

Mosaic will be free of charge for a limited number of school districts that agree to be trained and utilize the cloud web-based foodservice management software. We especially encourage districts new to the software tool to sign up for this opportunity.

To sign up for access to the software and for additional information, visit <http://info.heartlandschoolsolutions.com/isbe>. The deadline to sign up is Dec. 1, 2016, unless the maximum allotment of school districts is reached sooner. Mosaic will be free of charge through June 2019 for participating districts. A training schedule, which includes live sessions and on-demand modules, will be announced after the sign-up period concludes in December.

For questions, contact the Nutrition and Wellness Programs Division at (800) 545-7892 or via email at cnp@isbe.net. For Mosaic specific questions, email Heartland School Solutions at mosaicmpsupport@e-hps.com.

Q&A on Purchasing Goods and Services Using Cooperative Agreements, Agents, and Third-Party Services

On Oct. 19, 2016, the U.S. Department of Agriculture released policy memorandum SP-05-2017, CACFP 03-2017, SFSP 02-2017," which provides general guidance on the various procurement groups.

In this memorandum, the USDA Food and Nutrition Service has identified the various types of procurement standards, and supersedes SP35-2012 dated June 12, 2012. Program operators participating in these agreements must still conduct competitive procurement in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200.318-.326 and applicable program regulations and guidance.

The memorandum, "Q&A: Purchasing Goods and Services Using Cooperative Agreements, Agents, and Third-Party Services," is posted online at

http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/cn/SP05_CACFP03_SFSP02-2017os.pdf.

If you have any questions, please call the Nutrition and Wellness Programs Division at (800) 545-7892.



Be Sure to Plan Ahead for School Breakfast Mandates

Public Act 96-0158 requires each school district in the state to implement and operate a School Breakfast Program by the first day of each school year in each school building within its district in which as of October if previous school year had 40 percent or more of the students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches in the prior school year. ISBE administers the federally-funded School Breakfast Program and the state-funded IL Free Breakfast Program to assist you in implementing a successful program and to supplement the cost of providing the program.

Public Act 99-0850 requires every public school in which at least 70 percent of the students were eligible for free or reduced-price lunches in October of the preceding school year, and not already at 70 percent participation in breakfast, must operate a Breakfast After the Bell program starting SY17-18. Breakfast After the Bell means breakfast is provided to children after the instructional day has officially begun and does not prohibit schools from

also providing breakfast before the instructional school day begins.

For additional information on either of these mandates, including opt-out provisions, go to http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/hb_756.htm. For Breakfast After the Bell funding, see the Grant Opportunities section within this issue.

** To determine whether or not your school is required to operate a School Breakfast Program next school year (School Year 2017-18), the 2016 October free and reduced-price eligibility percentages will be posted at http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/eligibility_listings.htm in January 2016 once October claims are finalized.*

Summer Food Service Mandate: Get the Scoop on Summer Meals

Public Act 096-0734 (amends Public Act 095-0155) amends Section 20 of the Childhood Hunger Relief Act (105 ILCS 126/20). This amendment requires a school district to implement a summer breakfast and/or lunch program for the duration of the summer school program in all schools where 50 percent or more of the student population is eligible for free or reduced-price meals AND that have a summer school program. This amendment applies to all schools that meet the above criteria, including those schools not currently participating in any federal Child Nutrition Program. The legislation along with question and answers are accessible at www.isbe.net/nutrition on either the National School Lunch Program or Summer Food Service Program webpage under Regulations and Policies.

Staff from our Nutrition & Wellness Programs Division is available at (800) 545-7892 or (217) 782-2491 for technical assistance with reimbursement or program operations.

Important Dates to Remember:



◆ **Jan. 15:** Deadline to submit written Opt-Out Request to your regional superintendent of schools.

◆ **Feb. 15:** Deadline to develop and keep on file the district plan to conduct a summer lunch and/or breakfast program for each school where at least 50 percent of the students are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals AND that have a summer school program. Sign up for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) training (to be posted in January 2016) if participating in SFSP. For more information on the SFSP, visit <http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/summer.htm>.

◆ **Prior to March 1:** Regional superintendent of schools must convene a public hearing to hear testimony from the school district and interested community

members.

◆ **March 1:** Deadline for regional superintendent to:

- Inform the school district, in writing, of his or her decision, along with the reasons why the exemption was granted or denied;
- Provide a listing to the Nutrition Programs Division of all districts that applied to opt-out, along with the affected schools, whether the exemption was granted or denied, and the reasons for the action.

◆ **April 1:** Deadline for the Illinois State Superintendent of Education to hear appeals on the decisions of regional superintendents of schools.

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Schools Fight Hunger Over the Summer With SSO and SFSP

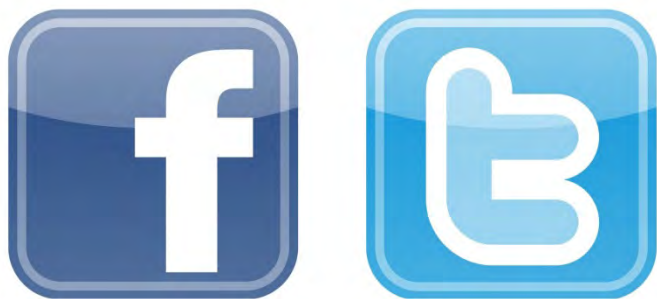
During the summer of 2016, there were a total of 175 school districts that served meals to children

through the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) or the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Not only did the schools serve children attending summer school, but they also opened the doors to feed children 18 and younger in the community. Some of these school districts also served meals at non-school sites in addition to their own school sites to further help serve meals in their communities.

For summer 2016, we continue marketing efforts throughout the state to assist in bringing awareness of the program to the public as many are still unaware. We have encompassed billboards, PSAs, bus/train ads, media print, cash jackets, radio ads, postcards, yard signs, posters, door hangers, websites, maps, and a texting feature to help publicize the program. This past summer we also introduced social media to our other marketing efforts. We will continue to reach out to do our part to fight hunger. Thank you to all of the school districts for your efforts to bring healthy meals to children across the state.

Visit the links below for a listing of schools that participated and additional information:

- [Seamless Summer Option](#)
- [Summer Food Service Program](#)



Follow the Illinois State Board of Education on Facebook and Twitter

You can find the Illinois State Board of Education on Twitter as [@ISBNews](#). ISBE State Superintendent of Education Tony Smith is also on Twitter as [@ISBESupt](#).

[Follow this link to our Facebook page](#) or you can do a search for the “Illinois State Board of Education” if you are logged in.

The accounts are a great way to follow what’s new agency-wide, including the Superintendent’s Weekly Message, press releases, and announcements from the Nutrition and Wellness Programs Division.

Nutrition Division Plans USDA Foods Exhibit and Workshop Jan. 10 and 12

The Illinois State Board of Education’s Nutrition and Wellness Programs Division will host a USDA Foods Exhibit and Workshop:

- **Jan. 10 in Collinsville**
- **Jan. 12 in Glen Ellyn**

This full day exhibit and workshop will provide school nutrition professionals the opportunity to learn about USDA Foods processed products available through the Food Distribution Program from Industry Partners. In addition, continuing education hours will be available for breakout session topics that will be ongoing through the day for all school nutrition professionals.

Once finalized, an agenda will be posted. Plan to attend this continuing educational opportunity now. **Registration for attendees is now available;** visit www.isbe.net/nutrition, and select “FDP – USDA Foods Exhibit and Workshop” under “Child Nutrition Program Workshops.”

Up to six hours of USDA annual continuing education will be available for full-day attendees. This workshop is being planned with the assistance of the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension and the Illinois School Nutrition Association.

If you have any questions, ISBE School Nutrition Programs staff can be reached at (800) 545-7892 or cnp@isbe.net.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Breakfast After the Bell Mandate Grant Funding Available; Apply By Nov. 18

Eating breakfast at school has been proven to reduce tardiness, absenteeism, and visits to the nurse, while

improving test scores. Unfortunately, less than half of eligible Illinois students currently have access to school breakfast. As a state, Illinois ranks 40th in the nation in the ratio of school lunch participants who also eat breakfast. With school breakfast we can ensure that all children start the day with the nutrition they need to reach their full potential.

[Public Act 99-0850](#) requires every public school in which at least 70 percent of the students were eligible for free or reduced-price lunches in October of the preceding year must operate a Breakfast After the Bell program. Breakfast After the Bell means breakfast is provided to children after the instructional day has officially begun and does not prohibit schools from also providing breakfast before the instructional day begins. Schools may choose whatever delivery model that best suits the students. Typical options include:

- **Breakfast in the Classroom:** Food is delivered (by staff, students, or volunteers) to each classroom after school begins and students are permitted to eat breakfast in the classroom.
- **Grab and Go Breakfast:** Students pick up bagged or boxed breakfast from carts or specified areas and are permitted to eat in either designated areas or the classroom.
- **Second-Chance Breakfast:** An extended passing or breakfast period is offered in the cafeteria, following the first or second period of the day.
- Other options include serving breakfast during an early recess or outdoor lesson. As long as breakfast is offered to all students after the instructional day has begun, schools and districts have great flexibility in serving Breakfast After the Bell.

FUNDING: State reimbursement to offset a portion of the cost of the meal is available if a site serves a reimbursable meal to a student eligible for a free meal and the site is enrolled in the Illinois Free Breakfast and Lunch Programs. Both state and federal reimbursement is available if a site enrolls in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), and/or School Breakfast Program (SBP).

Grant funding is also available for new and expanding Breakfast After the Bell (BATB) programs statewide! The next **No Kid Hungry Illinois Breakfast Grant deadline is Nov. 18.**

GRANT REMINDERS

NOV. 3 DEADLINE

FY17 NSLP Equipment Assistance Grants

The Illinois State Board of Education released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the FY 2017 National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Assistance Grants. These grants will provide \$1,127,625 in total to approved School Food Authorities (SFA) on a reimbursement basis to assist in purchasing equipment to serve healthier meals that meet the updated meal pattern requirement, improved food safety, and expand access.

The grant period will begin no sooner than Jan. 1, 2017, and will extend from the execution date of the grant agreement until June 30, 2018. All funds must be expended by the end of the grant period and the final Claim for Reimbursement for NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant funds, including invoices, must be received no later than July 31, 2018.

This FY 2017 Equipment Grant RFP is posted at http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/nslp_grant.htm and the **deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Nov. 3, 2016.** Read more in [last month's issue of The Outlook](#).

DEC. 8 DEADLINE

FY17 Farm to School Grants

On Sept. 13, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that up to \$5 million in grant funds is available to help schools create or strengthen farm to school programs this school year. Administered by USDA's Food and Nutrition Service, these annual, competitive grants will help further USDA efforts to increase locally sourced foods in school meals.

The Farm to School Grant Program was authorized in the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. To date, USDA has funded 300 projects in all 50 states, DC, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Since its inception in fiscal year 2013, more than \$20 million has been awarded through the Farm to School Grant Program. This year, awards ranging from \$20,000 to \$100,000 will be distributed in four different grant categories: Planning, Implementation, Support Service, and Training.

Applications are due by Dec. 8, 2016. Visit the [grants homepage](#) or the [October Outlook](#) for more information.

Grants are available for up to \$5,000 each and will support schools with the purchase of approved equipment, materials, and initiatives facilitating [alternative breakfast models](#) such as Breakfast in the Classroom or Grab and Go Breakfast. To apply, visit grants.nokidhungry.org. The application is easy. You will need to create an account – when prompted, enter the access code: ILBREAKFAST2017.

For more information on this mandate, please visit http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/hb_756.htm. For more information on the No Kid Hungry Illinois Breakfast Grant, contact schoolbreakfast@gcfd.org.

Chef Ann Foundation Plans Webinar on School Food Support Initiative Grants

The Chef Ann Foundation will host an informational webinar at 3 p.m. CST on Wednesday, Nov. 2, on its [School Food Support Initiative](#) grant opportunity. Sign up at <http://www.thelunchbox.org/programs/webinars/>.

The Life Time Foundation, Chef Ann Foundation, and Whole Kids Foundation have teamed up to provide technical assistance grants for up to seven U.S. districts in 2017.

Applications are currently being accepted for the 18-month technical assistance program. For more information about program services and eligibility criteria, as well as a link to the online application, visit <http://www.chefannfoundation.org/programs-and-grants/school-food-support-initiative/>.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

'Youth Wellness Interventions From Home to School' Webinar Coming Up

Join the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the "Youth Wellness Interventions from Home to School" webinar from 3-4 p.m. Nov. 7. You can [register online by clicking here](#).

USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, Dr. Katie Wilson will be joined by a child nutrition specialist to address how environmental and developmental factors influence

children's food preferences. Wilson will also examine school nutrition intervention programs and strategies that work well in the school environment.

This webinar will provide one CEU for Registered Dietitians and School Nutrition Specialists. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Space is limited, so register now.

NUTRITION RESOURCES



Team Nutrition Features Web Page With Resources Available in Spanish

The [Team Nutrition Web site](#) now has a page written entirely in Spanish. This new Web page has links to over 30 Team Nutrition resources that are written in Spanish. Visit [Team Nutrition en español](#).

Team Nutrition is an initiative of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service to support the Child Nutrition Programs through training and technical assistance for foodservice, nutrition education for children and their caregivers, and school and community support for healthy eating and physical activity.

Signing up to be a Team Nutrition School is free and easy. All schools participating in the National School Lunch program can sign up. Team Nutrition schools receive special nutrition education and promotion materials. Find out more online at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/join-team-become-team-nutrition-school>.

'Health & Wellness Resource Guide for Fruits & Vegetables' Available

A new culmination of education and marketing resources about fruits and vegetables is available from the [Produce for Better Health Foundation](#).



“The Health & Wellness Resource Guide for Fruits & Vegetables” includes new nutrition facts panels, health and nutrient content claims, social media posts, and healthy recipes with photos for 41 top produce items, with enhanced information

about artichokes, potatoes, pears, and 100 percent Concord grape juice.

Background information on consumption trends and responses to common consumer questions are also provided.

[Download the resource here](#) (note, document is 28 MG, 175 pages and will be updated twice annually, including additional fruits and vegetables).

USDA Updates Nutrition Lesson Plans, Promotes MyPlate, MyState

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion (CNPP) recently released updated [SuperTracker Nutrition Lesson Plans for High School Students](#).

This cross-curricular nutrition education resource for teachers, schools, and health educators helps students in grades 9-12 learn how to build healthy eating styles using SuperTracker, an online food and physical activity tracking tool.

“SuperTracker is an engaging, interactive tool that can help students think critically about their food and physical activity choices,” said Angie Tagtow, Executive Director of USDA’s Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion.

Read more about SuperTracker online at <https://www.cnpp.usda.gov/sites/default/files/SuperTrackerPressRelease-9-15-16.pdf>.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion also recently announced the next phase of [MyPlate, MyState](#), an effort to celebrate homegrown pride, foods and recipes and bring communities together around healthy eating. The announcement included a link to a toolkit for teachers aimed at promoting the intersection of nutrition and agriculture in the classroom.

Read the entire news release at <https://www.cnpp.usda.gov/sites/default/files/MyPlateMyStatePressRelease-10-5-16.pdf>.

FOOD SERVICE



USDA Team Nutrition Posts New Recipes for Side Dishes and Entrees

Expand children’s adventurous taste buds with [new side dishes and entrees](#) from [Team Nutrition!](#) These custom-made, kid-tested, standardized recipes provide crediting information to help you meet the current or upcoming meal pattern requirements. The recipes are available in quantities of 25-50 servings and 50-100 servings.

In addition to being standardized and credited, these new recipes provide more: whole grains, beans and legumes, dark green and red/orange vegetables.

Child Nutrition Program professionals will now have more options to choose from to assist them in meeting the meal pattern requirements in creative and tasty ways that satisfy hungry children!

Nutritious and delicious recipes can be found [here](#). Subscribe to Team Nutrition e-Newsletters [here](#).

East Aurora School District 131

On Sept. 28, East Aurora School District 131 welcomed guests from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Illinois State Board of Education, Chicago produce industry salad bar donors, and other partners in the district's multifaceted nutrition and wellness programs efforts.

Visitors toured Benavides Kindergarten Center to see the USDA's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) at work in classrooms. FFVP is funded by the USDA and administered by ISBE. [More than 250 elementary schools across Illinois are participating this school year.](#)

East Aurora SD 131 is also involved in the [USDA Food Waste Challenge](#), a recipient of a USDA Farm to School grant, and is involved with the [United Fresh Start Foundation's Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools initiative.](#)

Guests toured East Aurora High School, where they got to see the Tomcat School Garden and hear about other nutrition and wellness programs efforts, including the Visiting Nurse Association clinic at the school and a Aurora Farmers' Market program partnership with the City of Aurora. Keep up the amazing work, East Aurora District 131!



A student at Benavides Kindergarten Center in Aurora tries a fresh green bean as part of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.



East Aurora High School students tend to the Tomcat School Garden.



The Tomcat School Garden at East Aurora High is a useful tool for biology curriculum.



The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program provides a healthy snack and educational activities.

Peotone Community Unit School District 207U

National School Lunch Week was Oct. 10-14! Here are some images submitted by Peotone Community Unit School District 207U and a summary of the district's celebration.

NSLW was celebrated at Peotone CUSD 207U.

We started the week before using local media. We also participated in the high school parade for homecoming. During the parade we carried a banner advertising NSLW and passed out pizza flying discs and fruit snacks.

All schools K-12 participated by menu make-overs, decorations, sampling, coloring pages, games, and puzzles. We read daily trivia announcements in the morning. Our daily raffle prizes were donated by PTO, Booster Clubs, and local businesses.

The lower grade groups dressed in colors of the day ending the week with a school spirit day. Staff dressed up as pizza and bananas. The children loved it! The elementary school also participated in 'Apple Crunch Day' and were able to 'Crunch!' all together.

There were daily prizes on each tray for lunch, such as stickers, pencils, erasers, door hangers, and book marks.

Fun was had by all!



Thank you for sharing with the Illinois State Board of Education Nutrition and Wellness Programs Division!



UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS & DEADLINES

- **Nov. 4** – [Level 3 Healthier Meals Cooking Class](#), Springfield
- **Nov. 8** – ISBE offices closed for General Election Day
- **Nov. 9** – [Level 3 Healthier Meals Cooking Class](#), Centralia
- **Nov. 9** – [Administrative Review/Procurement/Resource Management Training](#), Fairview Heights
- **Nov. 10** – [Administrative Review/Procurement/Resource Management Training](#), Springfield
- **Nov. 11** – [Level 3 Healthier Meals Cooking Class](#), Springfield
- **Nov. 11** – ISBE offices closed for Veterans' Day
- **Nov. 15** – [Administrative Review/Procurement/Resource Management Training](#), Lisle
- **Nov. 16** – [Administrative Review/Procurement/Resource Management Training](#), Alsip
- **Nov. 18** – [Level 3 Healthier Meals Cooking Class](#), Springfield
- **Nov. 24-25** – ISBE offices closed for Thanksgiving

Please note this is not a complete list of events, meetings, and deadlines. For questions, call ISBE's Nutrition and Wellness Programs Division at (800) 545-7892. Visit us at <http://isbe.net/nutrition/default.htm>.

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To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](#), (AD-3027) found online at <https://www.ascr.usda.gov/how-file-program-discrimination-complaint>, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

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.



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SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS

TRAINING RESOURCES



ISBE Nutrition and Wellness Programs

The Illinois State Board of Education's Nutrition and Wellness Programs Division offers a wide variety of workshops and webinars throughout the year. Visit our Training Resources, Webinar Archive and Workshops web page at <http://isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/workshops.htm> to see what is upcoming. Here is a look at some of the School Nutrition Programs Archived Webinars:

NSLP and SBP Verification Process

In-person and webinar based trainings cover the guidelines related to the verification of household eligibility applications that are approved for free and reduced-price meals. Additional webinar based trainings also assist in the completion of the require Verification Summary Report.

Electronic Direct Certification

The use of the Electronic Direct Certification System is required by the USDA to certify students living in SNAP/TANF/Medicaid (if applicable) and Foster Child for free meal benefits without the completion of the household eligibility application by the household. This webinar will provide an overview of this system.

Certification of Household Eligibility Applications

Households annually apply to each participating school to receive free or reduced price meal benefits via the completion of a household eligibility application (HEA). This webinar provides an overview of the process used by participating schools to distribute, review, and approve/deny such HEAs.

Community Eligibility Provision Overview

Learn the qualifications for the Community Eligibility Provision and how you can determine if CEP would be beneficial to your school and how it impacts other programs in your school district.

Professional Standards Overview

Be sure to know the USDA final rule that establishes professional standards for state and local school nutrition programs (SNP) personnel in regards to hiring and requirements for annual training hours for all SNP employees.

Paid Lunch Equity

Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) is a requirement under Section 205 of the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010) for all schools with pricing programs that participate in National School Lunch Program. The purpose of PLE is to increase PAID meal prices to be more equal with funds brought in from free and reduced-price meal reimbursements.

Overview of Food Insecurity and Child Nutrition Programs in Illinois

ISBE Nutrition and Wellness Programs Division staff teamed up with the [Illinois Commission to End Hunger](#) and [Illinois No Kid Hungry](#) to present this March 2016 webinar.

How to Submit Meal Claims in WINS

Staff with ISBE's Funding & Disbursements Division present this webinar on submission of claims for reimbursement using the Web-based Illinois Nutrition System (WINS) for school-based child nutrition sponsors.

Contact Information

◆ **NUTRITION & WELLNESS PROGRAMS:** Contact us for information related to rules and regulations of the School Nutrition Programs, program implementation information, menu planning, food safety, USDA Foods, contracts, administrative reviews, and technical assistance with the operations of your school meal program.

Website: www.isbe.net/nutrition

Administrative Handbook: www.isbe.net/nutrition/sbn_handbook/toc.htm

Phone: (800) 545-7892 or (217) 782-2491

Email: cnp@isbe.net

◆ **IWAS HELPDESK:** Contact the IWAS helpdesk for assistance with your IWAS account, IWAS login and password questions, access to systems and general IWAS, or WINS system technical assistance.

Phone: (217) 558-3600

◆ **FUNDING & DISBURSEMENTS DIVISION:** Contact the Funding and Disbursements Division with questions regarding your claims for reimbursement and payment information.

Guidance Document: www.isbe.net/funding/pdf/wins-claim-inst.pdf

Phone: (217) 782-5256

◆ **DATA ANALYSIS DIVISION:** For assistance in updating official school records such as schools name, address, phone number, fax number, or administrator information, contact the Data Analysis Division staff that work with the Entity Profile System (EPS).

Help Document: www.isbe.net/research/pdfs/eps-guide.pdf

Phone: (217) 558-3600 or (217) 782-3950.

Civil Rights Training

Civil Rights training is required on an annual basis for frontline staff. For more information, including the Civil Rights Training Module video, visit our Civil Rights Compliance and Enforcement page at http://isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/civil_rights.htm.

Menu Planning 101 Webinar Series

Coming soon! Watch for details on this and other workshops on our Training Resources, Webinar Archive and Workshops page at <http://isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/workshops.htm> or at <http://isbe.net/nutrition/default.htm>.

School Nutrition Training

All training satisfies USDA Professional Standards Requirements

Team Up Illinois Meal of the Month Photo Contest!



Congratulations to Monmouth Roseville Foodservice in Monmouth, IL for winning October's Meal of the Month Club photo contest! This lunch at Central Intermediate School featured whole-grain Tyson Chicken Tenders, whole-grain Asian pasta, Kyoto blend vegetables, Four bean salad, Chilled Pineapple and ice cold skim milk! Go [#Titan](#) meals!

Post your school meal photos on our [Facebook page](#), or email your photos to schoolnutrition@illinois.edu, every month to enter the photo contest. Winning photos will be shared on Facebook and Twitter for all to see! Win recognition and prizes for your school nutrition program, e.g. posters, aprons, fruit baskets, and other small prizes. Questions about the contest? Email schoolnutrition@illinois.edu.



Join the Smarter Lunchrooms Movement in Illinois!

Smarter Lunchrooms shows school nutrition staff how to use free or low-cost strategies to enhance the promotion & enjoyment of healthy meals in their cafeterias. U of I Extension looks forward to helping many more Illinois

schools apply *Smarter Lunchrooms* at their schools! Connect with us through the [ABCs of School Nutrition](#) website, email schoolnutrition@illinois.edu, or contact your local Extension office to get started.

University of Illinois Extension offers FREE year-round training for school nutrition!

NEW online course!

“Saved by the Breakfast Bell: Benefits of school breakfast, alternative breakfast models and resources.”

U of I Extension offers [free](#) in-person & online training that meet the USDA Professional Standards. Contact us through the [ABCs of School Nutrition](#) website or contact your local Extension office.



School Recipe of the Month – Local Harvest Bake!



This recipe is a celebration of seasonal fall vegetables. The sweetness from the butternut squash and sweet potatoes should make it a hit at lunchtime!

USDA Recipe I122
Cooking Process #2: Same Day Service
(Recipe below is for 50 Servings)

INGREDIENTS	WEIGHT	MEASURE	DIRECTIONS
Fresh butternut squash, peeled, cubed 1/2"	4 lb	3 qt 3 cups	1. Combine all ingredients in a large bowl. Mix well. Transfer mixture to a sheet pan (18" x 26" x 1") lined with parchment paper and lightly coated with pan release spray. - For 50 servings, use 2 pans.
Fresh beets, peeled, cubed 1/2"	4 lb	3 qt 3 cups	2. Bake: Conventional Oven: 350 °F for 25 minutes. Convection Oven: 350 °F for 20 minutes.
Fresh sweet potatoes, peeled, cubed 1/2"	4 lb	3 qt	3. Critical Control Point: Heat to 135 °F or higher.
Olive oil		2/3 cup	4. Transfer to steam table pan (12" x 20" x 2 1/2"). - For 50 servings, use 2 pans.
Kosher salt		2 tsp	5. Garnish with parsley.
Fresh garlic, minced		2 Tbsp 1 tsp	6. Critical Control Point: Hold for hot service at 135 °F or higher.
Dried parsley		2 tsp	7. Portion with No. 8 fl oz spoodle (1/2 cup).

Serving

NSLP/SBP Crediting Information: ½ cup (No. 8 fl oz spoodle) provides 3/8 cup red/orange vegetable and 1/8 cup other vegetable.

CACFP Crediting Information: ½ cup (No. 8 fl oz spoodle) provides ½ cup fruit/vegetable.