



Talk to ISBE's Nutrition Team Tuesday SY21-22 Webinar Series

September 21, 2021

Agenda – September 2021

- What's New?
 - Stay up-to-date with all things.....
- Procurement and Supply Chain Situation
- USDA Foods
- ISBE Monitoring SY21-22 Update
- Verification
- Community Eligibility Provision – Application Deadline Sept 30, 2021
- SY21-22 School Nutrition Program Operations
 - Eligible Sites for Participation and Claiming of Reimbursable Meals
 - Eligibility Determinations
 - USDA Nationwide Flexibilities
 - Onsite Monitoring
 - Sodium
 - Non-Congregate, Parent Pickup, and Meal Times
 - Meal Pattern



Certification of Eligibility Poll Question

- **For SY21-22, has your district/school conducted the certification of eligibility process?**

This includes accessing electronic direct certification, distributing and processing household eligibility applications. This will also include eligibility notification to households, as well as the completion of the verification process.

Select one:

- YES
- NO



Supply Chain Overall Poll Question

- **For SY21-22, has your district/school experienced any supply chain shortages of any food or supplies?**

This includes any products or foods/beverages used for the USDA-funded Child Nutrition Programs. This could be missed deliveries, vendor outages of products, or reduced orders.

Select one:

- YES
- NO



Supply Chain Specific Poll Question

- **For those schools/district that indicated YES on the prior supply chain poll question, what component are you experiencing the most difficulty with?**
- **Select one:**
 - Meat/Meat Alternate
 - Whole Grain Rich Grains
 - Vegetables/Fruits
 - Milk
 - Too difficult to determine



What's New?

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) website. The browser's address bar shows the URL isbe.net/nutrition. The page header includes the ISBE logo, navigation links for System Quick Links, Illinois Report Card, Careers at ISBE, and Contact Us, along with social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube, and a search bar. A dark blue navigation bar contains icons and labels for HOME, ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS, FAMILIES & STUDENTS, COMMUNITY & PARTNERS, NEWS & MEDIA, and TOPICS. The main content area is titled "NUTRITION" and features a welcome message, a list of programs, and contact information. A "Log in to IWAS" button is visible. A "What's New?" dropdown menu is open, showing a list of recent updates.

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What's New?



Illinois Extension
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Upcoming Food Safety Trainings

- “Food Handler Training With COVID-19 Guidance” Sept. 23



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What's New?



Webinar Series

ICN Webinar Series

“Tools and Strategies
for Emergency Preparedness
in Schools” 2-3 p.m. Sept. 30



<https://theicn.org/>



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What's New?

The Outlook Newsletter for School Nutrition Programs



www.isbe.net/subscribe

What's New?

USDA Team Nutrition

- Back to School Resources
- Nutrition Quizzes



<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn>



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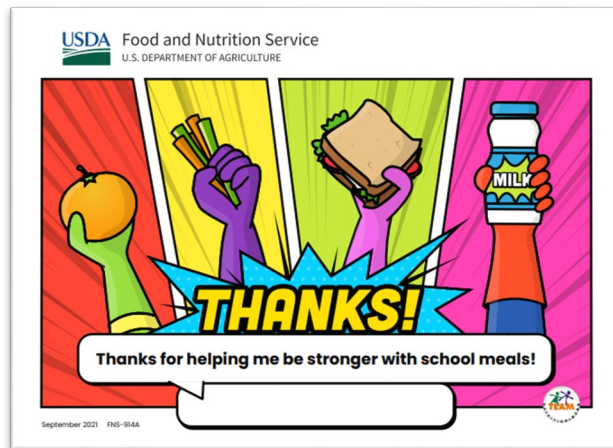
What's New?

National School Lunch Week



- Oct. 11-15

<https://schoolnutrition.org/Meetings/Events/NSLW/2021/>



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What's New?



Illinois Great Apple Crunch

Annual celebration
of fresh, local apples
during National Farm
to School Month



<http://illinoisfarmtoschool.org/great-apple-crunch/>



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What's New?

'And Justice For All' Posters

- Display the USDA civil rights poster
- ISBE mailed new posters to sponsors. Email cnp@isbe.net if you need more.
- Don't forget annual required civil rights training



<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Nutrition-and-Wellness-Civil-Rights-Compliance-and-Enforcement.aspx>



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What's New?

SNP Back to School Conference

www.isbe.net/snpb2s

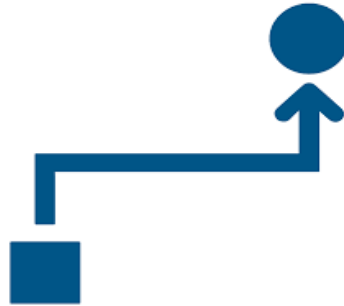
More ISBE Webinars

- Oct. 12
- Nov 16
- Dec. 14



School Year 2021-2022 Food Supply Chain

- The U.S. Department Agriculture (USDA) and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Nutrition Department acknowledge a nationwide disruption in the food supply chain that is affecting all aspects of foodservice, including those that participate in the Child Nutrition Programs.



- The USDA is committed to working together with state agencies, School Food Authorities, the food industry, and other stakeholders to communicate school food supply chain challenges and to identify solutions. For School Year 2021-2022, the USDA has provided school meal program flexibilities, waivers, and training resources to help states and SFAs navigate supply chain issues and provide nutritious school meals that children need to learn, grow, and be healthy.



Supply Chain Disruption and Procurement

- The methods of procurement authority under 2 CFR 200.320(c) provides SFAs with the flexibility to conduct emergency noncompetitive procurement(s) when an urgent need or emergency arises, such as the need to replace missing foods or paper goods with alternative sources or products quickly. Emergency noncompetitive procurement methods are a standing flexibility and **do not require a waiver**.
- When experiencing difficulties with obtaining the products you need/want, you can look at alternative emergency procurement options:
 - Purchase from a grocery store, wholesale/bulk food supplier, local business – you should still attempt to get the best prices you can, but we understand with limited time and resources SFA's will do their best.
 - Purchase produce from local farmers or farm cooperatives
 - Order through your DoD supplier
 - If you had multiple distributors and some dropped you and some are still delivering, see what other products the one(s) still delivering to you have and can provide to you. Discuss with them what they have and what they could get if you ordered enough of it and gave enough lead time.
 - Supplies: if you are having trouble getting supplies you need like disposable trays look into different color trays that are not as popular but available, look into bags, boxes, etc.



Working Together on Supply Chain Issues

- **Communication:**
 - Internal
 - District families
 - Vendors
 - Menu disclaimer addressing the food supply challenges.
 - Sample: “Please note: The food supply chain is suffering delays and shortages nationwide causing our district to experience unavailable items or last-minute replacements. We apologize in advance if a posted menu item is not available, and we will always have a replacement item. We appreciate your patience and understanding!”
- **Partnerships:**
 - Neighboring SFAs
 - Link to map page: <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Nutrition-Data-Analytics-Maps.aspx>
 - Local or regional cooperative purchasing groups
 - Link to Market Maker (local foods): <http://il.foodmarketmaker.com/>
 - Contact other distributors
- **Menus:**
 - Create menus that use products and recipes that are substitution-friendly.
 - Create a cycle menu, use standardized recipes, and use the USDA Food Buying for Child Nutrition Programs as tools
 - Place product orders earlier and forecast food needs for a longer period.
- **State Agency**
 - Work with the state agency to apply for available meal pattern waivers and/or conduct emergency procurement processes, as appropriate.
 - USDA foods (commodities)



Food Distribution Program

Supply Chain Disruptions

- USDA Foods/commodities
- DOD Fresh fruits and vegetables
- Diversions to processors



Food Distribution Program



ISBE'S USDA FOODS
SHOW 2021-22

Live webinar

Thursday, Nov. 4

2:00-3:30







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ON-SITE MONITORING & REVIEW INFORMATION

Administrative Review Process

The Administrative Review is an assessment conducted by the Illinois States Board of Education (ISBE) of the School Food Authority's (SFA) administration of the NSLP and SBP, and other school nutrition programs. The objectives of the Administrative are to determine whether the SFA meets program requirements, provide technical assistance, secure any needed corrective action, and assess fiscal action, if applicable.

ISBE must conduct Administrative Reviews of all SFAs participating in the NSLP and/or SBP at least once during each three-year review cycle period, provided that each SFA is reviewed at least once every 4 years.

- [Administrative Review Checklist](#) 
- [Dietary Specifications Assessment Tool](#) 
- [Meal Compliance Assessment Tool](#) 
- [Resource Management Guidance and Resources](#)
- [Review Resource List](#) 
- [School Meals Administrative Review Q & A](#) 
- [SFAs Tentatively Selected for SY 21-22 SNP Administrative and Procurement Reviews](#) 



Reviews Conducted by the School Food Authority

- [After School Snack Program Review \(67-80\)](#) 
- [NSLP and SBP On Site Review - Assessment of School's Meal Counting and Claiming Procedures \(67-35\)](#) 



Seamless Summer Option Claim Statistics

Daily Meal Counts

Claim

Calendar Year: 2021
Calendar Month: 8

Quick Links

[Site Claim Summary](#)
[Site Claims](#)
[Participation Detail](#)
[Sponsor Claim Summary](#)

Version

Selected Claim:

1: Aug 2021 Claim - Sent to FRIS - 09/07/2021

Meal Counts

Statistics

Claim Summary

Statistics

Seamless Summer Option

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SSO Eligible	738
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HDP	632
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Participation Count	738



PLEASE VERIFY YOUR ENROLLMENT. If you get an error that your HDP is incorrect it may be due to your enrollment being lower than what your daily meal counts are.



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Issuing Agency/Office:	FNS/Child Nutrition Programs
Title of Document:	Waiver to Allow Fiscal Action Flexibility for Meal Pattern Violations Related to COVID-19 Supply Chain Disruptions Impacting School Meals in School Year 2021-2022.
Document ID:	
Z-RIN:	
Date of Issuance:	September 15, 2021
Replaces:	N/A
Summary:	(1) FNS waives, for all States, the requirements to take fiscal action during the public health emergency for meal pattern violations related to COVID 19 supply chain disruptions. (2) This waiver is available to State agencies administrating the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. These flexibilities also apply to the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (3) This document relates to 7 CFR 210.18(1)(2).

Therefore, pursuant to the waiver authority cited above, FNS is granting a waiver, for all States, for the following regulations when there is a supply chain disruption with respect to foods served under the NSLP, SBP, or SSO and such disruption is due to COVID-19:

- The requirement to apply fiscal action for missing food components or missing production records as detailed in 7 CFR 210.18(1)(2)(i); and
- The requirement to apply fiscal action for repeated violations involving milk type and vegetable subgroups as detailed in 7 CFR 210.18(1)(2)(ii).

When determining whether this waiver is applicable during an administrative review, State agencies should consider all of the information SFAs have available that illustrates that a COVID-19 supply chain disruption occurred. This waiver is available through June 30, 2022.



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Nutrition

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- Financial Management
- Food Distribution
- Resources, Webinars and Workshops
- School Nutrition Programs
- Summer Food Service Program

RESOURCES

- 2021 SFSP Reimbursement Rates
- A to Z Index of School Nutrition Programs
- Child Nutrition Data Analytics and Mapping Tools
- Child Nutrition Program Food Safety Information
- Civil Rights
- Farm to Child Nutrition Programs
- Instructions for Online Applications and Reports
- Program Legislation, Regulations and Policies
- Recalls & Public Health Alerts
- School Health Issues
- USDA Policy Memos

Public Notice(s)

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- CACFP: Read the New Issue of Mealtime Minutes
- In Case You Missed It: "Planning for a Dynamic School Environment: Guidance for Meal Service Flexibilities for SY 2021-2022" webinar
- SFAs Tentatively Selected for SY 21-22 SNP Administrative and Procurement Reviews
- New Back to School Resources From Team Nutrition
- Public Comment Open for FNS "Notice of a Proposed Modified System of Records"
- Annual Renewal Application for CACFP Available in WINS
- Join the Illinois Great Apple Crunch on Oct. 14
- School Nutrition Programs: ISBE Waiver Submission Process
- School Nutrition Programs: Read the New Issue of The Outlook
- CACFP: New Reimbursement Rates for Centers Released
- Program Year 2022 SNP Application Instructions for Seamless Summer Option
 - Recorded Webinar: 2022 SNP Application Instructions for SSO
- ABCs of School Nutrition: Sign Up for "Food Handler Training With COVID-19 Guidance"
- CDC Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools (updated July 9, 2021)
- Menu Board Inserts for Fiscal Year 2022
- **ISBE & USDA RESOURCES**
 - HEAs and Alternative Socioeconomic Forms Comparison
 - School Nutrition Programs Back to School Conference
 - ISBE SY 21-22 FAQs
 - Reimbursement Rate Comparison Chart SY 21-22
 - Meal Pattern Waiver Chart for SY 21-22
 - USDA Q&A for Child Nutrition Program Operations in SY 21-22
 - Child Nutrition Programs Waivers for School Year 2021-22
 - Nationwide Waivers and Flexibilities for CACFP
 - USDA FNS: Illinois COVID-19 Waivers & Flexibilities
 - ISBE COVID-19 Updates and Resources



Who Must Conduct Verification for SY21-22?

ALL Sponsors in School Nutrition Programs

- Seamless Summer Option or
- National School Lunch or School Breakfast Program

Who Collected Household Eligibility Applications (HEA) for SY21-22 must conduct verification of 3% of approved applications.



Verification Process SY21-22 Timeline:

HEAs approved for benefits between July 1- October 1, 2021

Verification Process begins October 1, 2021

Verification Process must be completed November 15, 2021

Verification Summary Report due by December 15, 2021

Verification Summary Report SY21-22

ALL Sponsors in School Nutrition Programs

- Seamless Summer Option or
- National School Lunch or School Breakfast Program

Must submit the Verification Summary Report for SY21-22

- Collected Household Eligibility Applications for SY21-22 must complete the full Verification Summary Report
- Did not collect Household Eligibility Applications for SY21-22 must complete an abbreviated Verification Summary Report

Verification Training and Resources



- **Recorded training:**
What's New late
September
- **Administrative Handbook**
- **Verification Website**
 - Frequently asked
questions
 - Verification Timeline
 - Sample letters to
households
 - Sponsor checklist
 - USDA Verification Toolkit

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

- Deadline Extended: September 30, 2021
- Data used to calculate the identified student percentage (ISP) may be from anytime between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021.
- Check the *CEP Group Information* in WINS link for current participation information.
 - For CEP approved sponsors, if you are NOT currently at 100% claiming free, take time to evaluate the identified student percentage now.
- CEP Application completed in WINS.
 - Training webinar, evaluation worksheets, other program guidance regarding CEP impact and more found online at <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Guidance-for-HHFKA.aspx>.



SY21-22 WINS Site Application and Claiming Meals

- To operate the School Nutrition Programs, the USDA requires that the school is a registered school of the state.
- Please ensure that each school site operating the USDA funded School Nutrition Programs are listed as approved sites in WINS.
 - For public schools, this requirement is specific to the enrollment in the Student Information System (SIS) based on the RCDTS of the official school site.
- Reimbursable meals (one reimbursable meal per student per meal service) are claimed at the enrolling school, based on point of service counting procedures.
 - ISBE encourages schools to return to their normal meal counting and claiming procedures to ensure accurate meal counts.
 - Please refer to the [Administrative Handbook, Miscellaneous Regulations](#) for Pupil Placement Guidance.

SY21-22 Certification and Verification

- If your school elects to participate in SSO, then conducting certification is not required by the USDA. It is a local level decision to make.
 - May wish to consider completing Certification/Verification for such things as P-EBT, fee waivers and/or student required socioeconomic status for the Student Information System.
 - USDA recently clarified that ALL participating SSO schools must access Direct Certification as required by USDA to update internal records.
 - If the school locally decides to notify households regarding eligibility status, the school then processes direct certification and household eligibility applications, as well as conduct verification.
- If your school elects to participate in NSLP/SBP, then direct certification, certification and verification must occur as required by USDA.

SY21-22 COVID-19 USDA Nationwide Waivers

- Illinois has elected to participate in the USDA offered nationwide waivers.
- Carefully review all USDA memos to understand waiver flexibilities offered.
- Please note that all program sponsor are required to operate the USDA funded Child Nutrition Programs in compliance with all program regulations to the maximum extent possible during SY21-22.
- As challenges arise, utilize the USDA flexibilities ONLY for the duration and extent that such flexibilities are needed.
- Please maintain documentation of flexibilities that are needed and the duration of time in which the flexibilities are needed.
- Due to recent USDA modifications to requirements, the data collection process for some of the nationwide flexibilities will be collected at a later time this school year.



USDA Flexibility: Onsite Monitoring

- Sample Onsite Review Form - https://www.isbe.net/Documents/67-35_onsite_review.pdf
- Conducted by Feb 1 annually for sponsors that have more than 1 site
 - All Lunch sites are reviewed, and 50% of breakfast sites
- Complete guidance is found in the Administrative Handbook, Reviews section.
 - <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/SchoolNutritionAdminHandbook.aspx>
- On-site reviews are conducted to ensure at each meal service claimed, the following internal controls are operating correctly:
 - Daily meal counts by category are taken at the point of service
 - All meals claimed meet meal pattern requirements
 - Overt identification is prevented
 - Sanitation procedures are followed
- To the maximum extent possible, complete onsite. If flexibility is needed, please maintain COVID related documentation.

USDA Flexibility: Sodium Target

- Schools are an important player in overall national efforts to reduce the amount of salt that people eat.
- As such, schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs will continue to reduce the amount of salt in meals by choosing lower sodium versions of foods and flavoring foods with spices and herbs.
- To the maximum extent possible, continue to plan menus to meet the sodium targets. If flexibility is needed, please maintain COVID related documentation.



National School Lunch Program Sodium Timeline & Limits		
Age/Grade Group	Target 1: July 1, 2014 SY 2014-2015 (mg)	Target 2: July 1, 2024 SY 2024-2025 (mg)
K-5	≤ 1,230	≤ 935
6-8	≤ 1,360	≤ 1,035
9-12	≤ 1,420	≤ 1,080

School Breakfast Program Sodium Timeline & Limits		
Age/Grade Group	Target 1: July 1, 2014 SY 2014-2015- (mg)	Target 2: July 1, 2024 SY 2024-2025 (mg)
K-5	≤ 540	≤ 485
6-8	≤ 600	≤ 535
9-12	≤ 640	≤ 570



Congregate School Meals

- The USDA funded School Nutrition Programs are designed to offer meals to students at school in a congregate setting.
 - Congregate means to “gather in a group”.
 - Meals are intended to be offered to the student AND consumed by the student on the school campus.
 - To ensure the safety of students and ensure proper spacing, there is flexibility of meal service locations including serving and consuming locations. (Examples include cafeteria, classroom, gymnasium, all purpose rooms, outdoors, etc.)
 - The allowable USDA non-congregate waiver is NOT needed if the students are offered and consume school meals anywhere on the school campus.



USDA Flexibility: Non-Congregate/meal time/parent pickup for REMOTE/QUARANTINE students only

- As Illinois schools return to in person learning, situations may arise in which a student or group of students may need to be remote learning due to health needs or quarantine specific to COVID.
- In these situations, as the students are enrolled in the school, the school's meal services are offered to the remote students to ensure compliance with all enrolled students being offered the USDA funded meal services as well as the Illinois Free requirements for public schools.
- Please maintain documentation of this effort and the overall process used by the school for such situations.
- ISBE anticipates that ALL school may need to utilize this flexibility during the SY21-22 due to the ongoing pandemic situation.



USDA Flexibility: Non-Congregate/meal time/parent pickup for IN PERSON Students

- The USDA expectation is that when students are attending school in person, that meal services are provided to those in person learning students at school to the maximum extent possible.
- Non-congregate/meal time/parent pickup for In-person students only
 - ISBE is currently collecting waiver submission for this option from July 1 through December 31, 2021 through the submission of the **ISBE Waiver Submission for School Year 2021-2022, School Sponsor Waiver #3**.
 - As this USDA waiver is available for the entire school year, ISBE will establish a data collection process for this flexibility for January 1 through June 30, 2022. This will be released no later than December 10, 2021.
- As required by USDA, details are needed to include:
 - COVID specific justification for non-congregate/meal time/parent pickup for In-person students
 - Justification for duration of needed flexibility
 - Detailed plan how the SFA plans to return to normal school nutrition program operations when safe to do so



SY21-22 Meal Pattern for Seamless Summer Option for Lunch and Breakfast (as well as NSLP/SBP)

School Breakfast Program
Meal Pattern Requirements
Summary Chart

Breakfast Meal Pattern			
Meal Pattern	Grades K-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12
	Amount of Food Per Week (Minimum Per Day)		
Fruits (cups)	5 (1)	5 (1)	5 (1)
Vegetables (cups)	0	0	0
Dark green	0	0	0
Red/Orange	0	0	0
Beans and pea (legumes)	0	0	0
Starchy	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Additional Veg to Reach Total	0	0	0
Grains (ounce equivalent)	7 (1)	8 (1)	9 (1)
Meats/Meat Alternates (ounce equivalent)	0	0	0
Fluid milk (cups)	5 (1)	5 (1)	5 (1)

National School Lunch Program
Meal Pattern Requirements
Summary Chart

Lunch Meal Pattern			
Meal Pattern	Grades K-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12
	Amount of Food Per Week (Minimum Per Day)		
Fruits (cups)	2 1/2 (1/2)	2 1/2 (1/2)	5 (1)
Vegetables (cups)	3 3/4 (3/4)	3 3/4 (3/4)	5 (1)
Dark green	1/2	1/2	1/2
Red/Orange	3/4	3/4	1 1/4
Beans and peas (legumes)	1/2	1/2	1/2
Starchy	1/2	1/2	1/2
Other	1/2	1/2	3/4
Additional Veg to Reach Total	1	1	1 1/2
Grains (ounce equivalent)	8 (1)	8 (1)	10 (2)
Meats/Meat Alternates (ounce equivalent)	8 (1)	9 (1)	10 (2)
Fluid milk (cups)	5 (1)	5 (1)	5 (1)



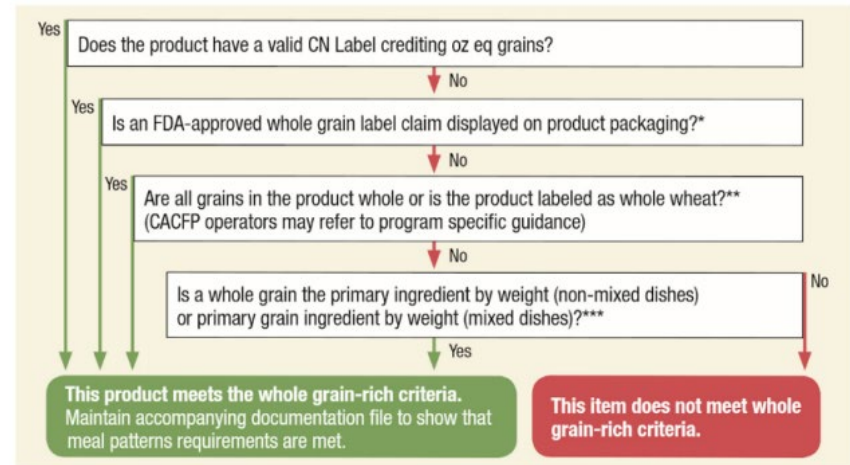
SY21-22 Lunch Meal Pattern

- General Lunch Requirements
 - Fruits and Vegetables must be on the menu as separate meal components.
 - Vegetable group is made up of 5 vegetable sub-groups:
 - Dark Green; Red/Orange; Beans/Peas(Legumes); Starchy; and Other
 - Grains and Meat/Meat Alternates groups have daily and weekly minimum servings.
 - Grains and Meat/Meat Alternates groups have suggested weekly maximum servings.
 - All creditable grains planned for the week must be whole grain-rich.
 - Daily calories have a minimum and maximum (Average daily calories over the week).
 - Unflavored milk may be fat-free or 1%; flavored milk must be fat-free beginning October 1, 2021 (flavored 1% milk may be offered until then).
 - Calories from saturated fat limited to 10%

USDA Flexibility: Whole Grain Rich (WGR) Grains

- All grains served as part of a reimbursable meal must be WGR.
- Whole grain-rich foods contain 100% whole grains, or at least 50% whole grains, with the remaining grains being enriched.
- If WGR items are unavailable due to supply chain issues, grains MUST be an enriched grain products.

Flow Chart - Does My Product Meet the Whole Grain-Rich Criteria?



* For the NSLP and SBP, any refined grains included in the product must be enriched, in addition to having a FDA whole grain health claim. To demonstrate compliance with the whole grain-rich criteria in the CACFP, the FDA whole grain health claim is sufficient documentation.

** In School Meal Programs, non-creditable ingredients should be limited to no more than 0.24 oz eq (8.99 grams for Groups A-G or 6.99 grams for Groups H or I of the Exhibit A). All other refined grains must be enriched. The CACFP operators may refer to appropriate regulatory guidance for additional information.

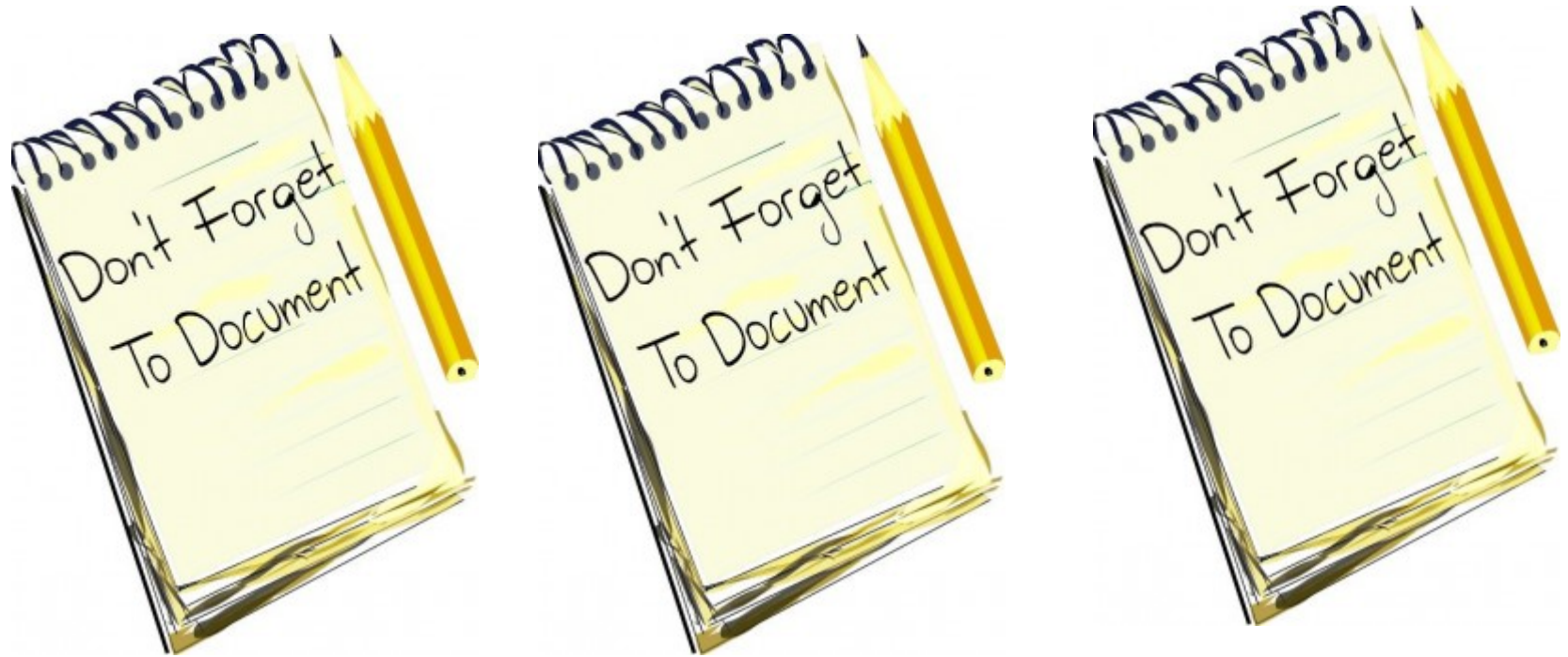
*** At least half of the grains in the product must be whole grains, with any remaining grains being enriched. When determining this in grams, at least 8 grams per oz should be whole grain for items located in Groups A-G of Exhibit A.

USDA Flexibility: Vegetable Subgroups

Vegetable Subgroups in the NSLP						
Dark Green Fresh, frozen, and canned		Red/Orange Fresh, frozen, and canned		Beans and Peas (Legumes)* Canned, frozen, or cooked from dry		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Arugula ■ Beet greens ■ Bok choy ■ Broccoli ■ Broccoli rabe (rapini) ■ Broccolini ■ Butterhead lettuce (Boston, Bibb) ■ Chicory ■ Cilantro ■ Collard greens ■ Endive ■ Escarole 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Fiddle heads ■ Grape leaves ■ Kale ■ Mesclun ■ Mustard greens ■ Parsley ■ Spinach ■ Swiss chard ■ Red leaf lettuce ■ Romaine lettuce ■ Turnip greens ■ Watercress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Acorn squash ■ Butternut squash ■ Carrots (orange only) ■ Cherry peppers ■ Hubbard ■ Orange peppers ■ Pimientos 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pumpkin ■ Red chili peppers ■ Red peppers ■ Salsa (100% vegetables) ■ Spaghetti squash ■ Sweet potatoes ■ Tomatoes ■ Tomato juice ■ Winter squash ■ Yams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Black beans ■ Black-eyed peas (mature, dry) ■ Cowpeas ■ Edamame ■ Fava beans ■ Garbanzo beans (chickpeas) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Great northern beans ■ Kidney beans ■ Lentils ■ Lima beans, (mature, dry) ■ Mung beans ■ Navy beans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pink beans ■ Pinto beans ■ Red beans ■ Refried beans ■ Soy beans (mature, dry) ■ Split peas ■ White beans
<p>* Does not include immature (fresh) beans or peas, such as green beans, green lima beans and green (string) beans</p>						
Starchy Fresh, frozen, and canned		Other Fresh, frozen, and canned				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Black-eyed peas, fresh (not dry) ■ Corn ■ Cassava ■ Cowpeas, fresh (not dry) ■ Field peas, fresh (not dry) ■ Green bananas ■ Green peas ■ Hominy, whole (canned, drained) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jicama ■ Lima beans, green (not dry) ■ Parsnips ■ Pigeon peas, fresh (not dry) ■ Plantains ■ Potatoes ■ Poi ■ Taro ■ Water chestnuts ■ Yautia (tannier) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Artichokes ■ Asparagus ■ Avocado ■ Bamboo shoots ■ Bean sprouts, cooked only (for food safety), e.g., alfalfa, mung ■ Beans, green and yellow ■ Beets ■ Breadfruit ■ Brussels sprouts ■ Cabbage (green, red, celery, Napa) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Cactus (nopales) ■ Cauliflower ■ Carrots, rainbow (e.g., pink, purple, red, white, and yellow) ■ Celeriac ■ Celery ■ Chayote (mirliton) ■ Cucumbers ■ Chives ■ Daikon (oriental radish) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Eggplant ■ Fennel ■ Garlic ■ Green chili peppers ■ Green onions (scallions) ■ Green peppers ■ Horseradish ■ Iceberg lettuce ■ Kohlrabi ■ Leeks ■ Mushrooms ■ Okra ■ Olives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Onions (white, yellow, red) ■ Peas in pod, e.g., snap peas, snow peas ■ Pepperoncini (cucumber) ■ Pickles ■ Radishes ■ Rhubarb ■ Rutabagas ■ Shallots ■ Sauerkraut ■ Seaweed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Snap peas ■ Snow peas ■ Tomatillo ■ Turnips ■ Wax beans ■ White sweet potatoes ■ Yellow peppers ■ Yellow summer squash ■ Zucchini squash



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