



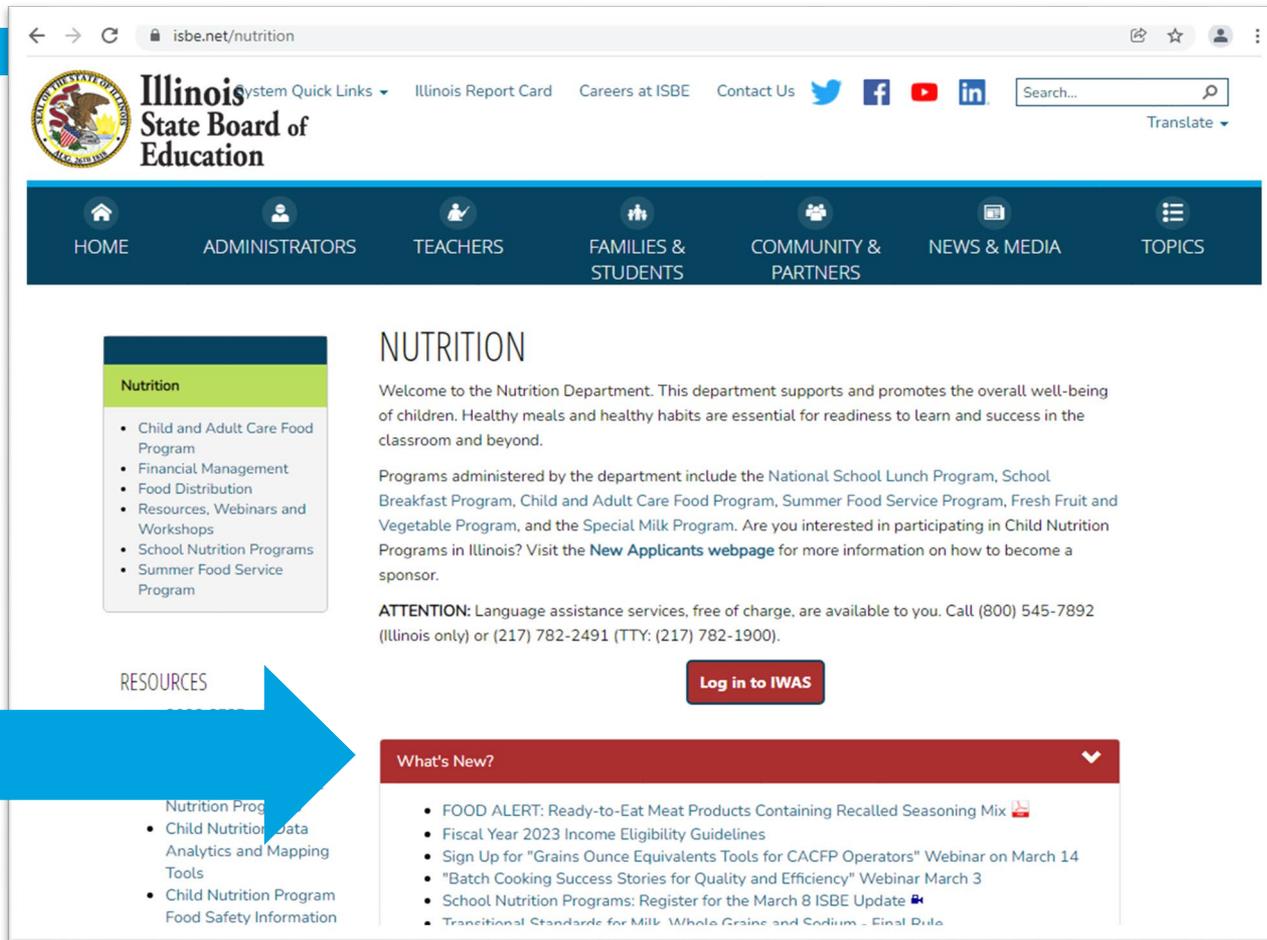
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School Nutrition Programs Update

Monday, Nov. 13, 2023

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What's New?



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NUTRITION

Welcome to the Nutrition Department. This department supports and promotes the overall well-being of children. Healthy meals and healthy habits are essential for readiness to learn and success in the classroom and beyond.

Programs administered by the department include the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, and the Special Milk Program. Are you interested in participating in Child Nutrition Programs in Illinois? Visit the [New Applicants webpage](#) for more information on how to become a sponsor.

ATTENTION: Language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call (800) 545-7892 (Illinois only) or (217) 782-2491 (TTY: (217) 782-1900).

[Log in to IWAS](#)

What's New?

- FOOD ALERT: Ready-to-Eat Meat Products Containing Recalled Seasoning Mix
- Fiscal Year 2023 Income Eligibility Guidelines
- Sign Up for "Grains Ounce Equivalents Tools for CACFP Operators" Webinar on March 14
- "Batch Cooking Success Stories for Quality and Efficiency" Webinar March 3
- School Nutrition Programs: Register for the March 8 ISBE Update
- Transitional Standards for Milk, Whole Grains, and Sodium - Final Rule

Nutrition

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

RESOURCES

- Nutrition Program
- Child Nutrition Data Analytics and Mapping Tools
- Child Nutrition Program Food Safety Information

What's New?

ISBE SNP Update

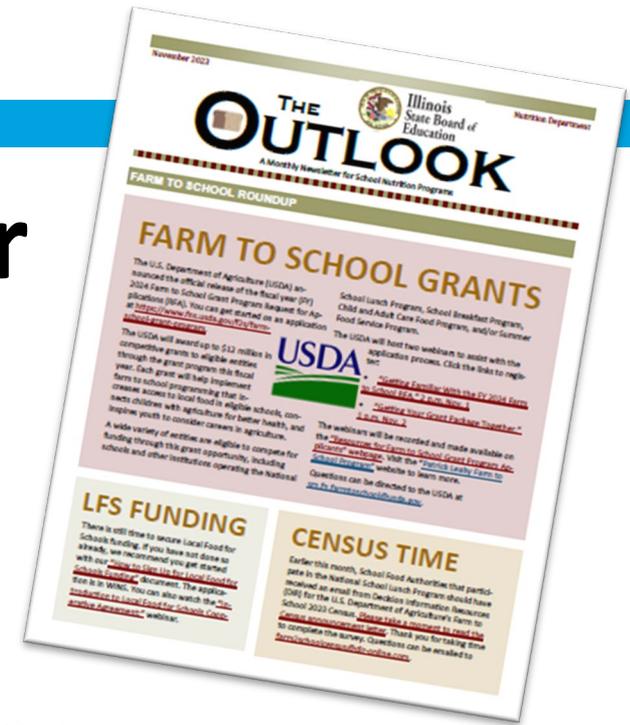
- 2-3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4



What's New?

The Outlook newsletter *Two ways to subscribe*

- Update your WINS contacts
- www.isbe.net/subscribe
- New issues posted at www.isbe.net/nutrition



What's New?



Ashley Follis, Katie Ford, and Christy Schaefer



Photos by Beth Marks, Director of Student Services, Shawnee CUSD 84



What's New?

<https://illinoisfarmtoschool.org/>



ISBE Nutrition Department



Photographs Courtesy of Shawnee CUSD 84 in Wolf Lake



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<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Nutrition-and-Wellness-Champions.aspx>

What's New?



What's New?

- **FOOD ADVISORY:** WanaBana Apple Cinnamon Fruit Puree Pouches
- **FOOD RECALL:** Tyson Fully Cooked Fun Nugget Breaded Shaped Chicken Patties
- **FOOD RECALL:** Sister Sister General Tso's Chicken With Fried Rice



Websites to Bookmark

- USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)
- U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)



What's New?



Healthy Meals Incentives Recognition Awards

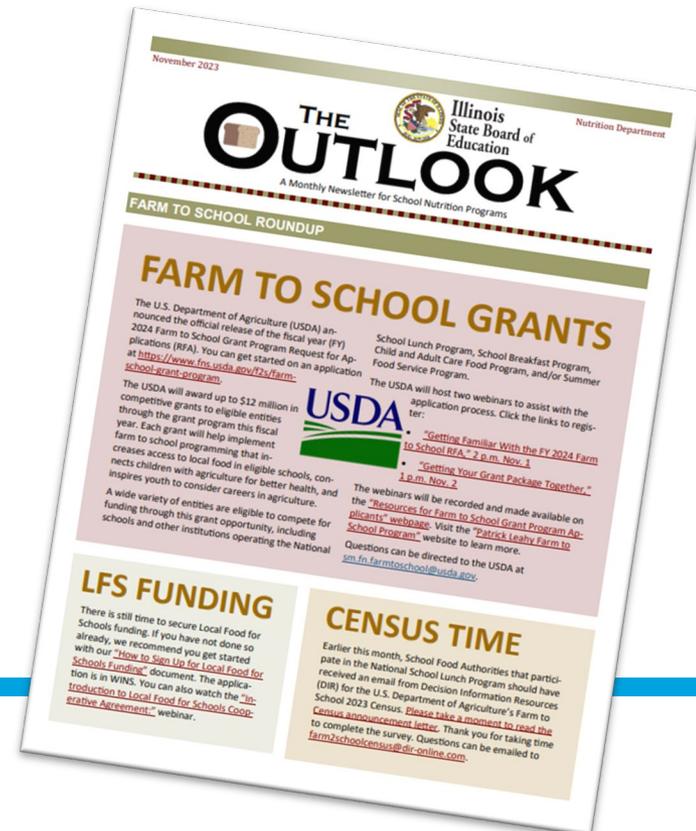
- **Eligibility Criteria:** NSLP and/or SBP sponsors
- **Deadline:** Apply anytime between now through June 30, 2025. Applicants notified of results within two months of submission.
- <https://healthymealsincentives.org/recognition-awards/>



What's New?

Farm to School Grants

- ICYMI: [November issue of The Outlook](#)
- **Deadline to apply: Jan. 12, 2024**



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What's New?



Farm to School 2023 Census

- Instructions and a link to Census emailed from Farm2SchoolCensus@dir-online.com
- Questions? Call (866) 986-2230 toll free from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. CT, or e-mail Farm2SchoolCensus@dir-online.com

What's New?

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FARM TO SCHOOL
NETWORK



Illinois Farm to School Network is excited to announce registration is now open for our second Farm to School Local Procurement Day event in Illinois!



When: December 7, 2023 9am – 12pm

**Where: Beyond Green Partners
1640 W. Hubbard St. Suite G
Chicago, IL 60622**

Space is limited. Register at <https://forms.gle/fHA9ztnsrsrcFB5pnf8>
Questions? Email admin@sevendgenerationsahead.org



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What's New?

SY 23-24 Administrative Reviews



- SFA list
- Resource guide

MONITORING AND REVIEW INFORMATION



Preparing for an Administrative Review

The [list of School Food Authorities Tentatively Selected for School Year 2023-24 Administrative Reviews](#) is now available on the ISBE [Monitoring and Review Information webpage](#).

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 Review are to determine whether the SFA meets program requirements, provide technical assistance, secure any needed corrective action, and assess fiscal action, if applicable.

We've assembled some resources to assist sponsors.

Helpful AR Checklists

- [SNP Administrative Review Checklist](#)
- [SNP Administrative Review Checklist for CEP Districtwide Sponsors](#)

Webinars to Review

- [Monitoring, Part 1](#)
 - [PDF of slides](#)
- [Monitoring, Part 2](#)
 - [PDF of slides](#)
 - [Build a Binder for Success](#)
- [Direct Certification](#)
- [Certification of Household Eligibility Applications](#)
- [School Year 2023-24 Verification Process and Verification Summary Report](#)
 - [PDF of slides](#)
- [Local Wellness Policy Content Requirements](#)
 - [PDF of slides](#)



Webpage Highlights

- [Household Eligibility Resources](#)
- [Local School Wellness Policy Information](#)
- [Meal Pattern and Nutrition Standards](#) (Check out the various training videos available!)
- [Verification and the VSR](#)

Navigate the ISBE Website

- [A to Z Index of School Nutrition Programs](#): Search the website by topic.
- [School Nutrition Programs Administrative Handbook](#): All sponsors are expected to be familiar with the handbook. You can search by section or open the [PDF of the complete handbook](#) and search by clicking Ctrl f.
- [What's New?](#) Watch for the latest announcements from the ISBE Nutrition Department.

Illinois State Board of Education Nutrition Department, October 2023



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<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Nutrition-Monitoring-and-Review.aspx>

Coming Up!

Food Distribution Program SY 2024-25 Annual Order Period

- Opens Jan. 8
- Closes March 15

Processing closed March 4-8 and
re-opens March 11-15



Important Reminder

Buy American Provision

Exceptions to Buy American

There are two limited exceptions when non-domestic foods may be purchased. These exceptions are determined by the SFA:

- The food or food product is not produced or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities of a satisfactory quality; or
- Competitive bids reveal the cost of a United States food or food product is significantly higher than the non-domestic product.



- https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/FactSheet_BuyAmerican.pdf
- <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/General-Procurement-All-Programs.aspx>
- <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/admin-handbook.pdf>



Important Reminder

FSMC/ Vended Meals Contracts

- If you hold a noncompetitive contract or your current contract does not have renewal options, **formal solicitation is required by federal regulation.**
- Questions: Contact nutritionprocurement@isbe.net

Important Reminder

Verification Deadlines

- **Nov. 15:** Completion of Verification activities
- **Dec. 15:** Submission of Verification Summary Report in WINS
- [SY 23-24 Verification Process and VSR](#) 
- [VSR: Steps 2-5 Recorded Training](#) 



Important Reminder

School Breakfast Program Mandate

Per [105 ILC126/15](#) every public school in which at least 40 percent of students were eligible for free or reduced-price lunches in **October of school year 2022-23** must plan to operate a [School Breakfast Program](#) for school year 2024-25.

Opt-Out Provision - School Breakfast Program:

- District must submit cost analysis to their regional superintendent of education no later than **February 15, 2024**.
- By **March 15, 2024**, Regional Superintendent holds public hearing.
- If the Regional Superintendent does not grant an exemption, school district must operate a breakfast program in school year 2024-25 in the school(s) noted - OR - the district (or a resident of the district) may appeal the decision to the State Superintendent of Education by April 15, 2024. If appealed, State Superintendent must hold hearing and state conclusion by May 15, 2024.

Important Reminder

▪ Summer Food Service Mandate

Per [105 ILCS 126/20](#),

- every public school building in which at least 50 percent of the students were eligible for free and reduced-price lunches in October 2023
- **AND** has a summer program operating during the 2024 summer months must provide a [summer breakfast and/or lunch program](#) for the children in that community.
- The plan must be implemented each year so long as the above criteria are met and must operate for the duration of the school's summer school program.
- A school wishing to utilize the opt-out provision [105 ILCS 126/20 (d)] of the program for the upcoming summer must petition their regional superintendent by Jan. 15, 2024.

Important Reminder

■ Summer Food Service Mandate

Who must operate a summer feeding program?

School Food Authority: Please complete the brief checklist below to determine if the buildings in your district are required to operate a summer feeding program:

1. Is the school building part of a public or private district?
 - Public, proceed to the next question
 - Private, you are **not** required to operate any summer feeding program
2. Will your district be conducting summer school or enrichment programs?
 - Yes, proceed to the next question
 - No, you are **not** required to operate any summer feeding program
3. **If yes**, what is the most recent October free and reduced eligibility rate for the **building** where you will be conducting the summer school program?

[Check eligibility rate:](#)

 - 0-49%** -Most recent October free and reduced eligibility rate, **not** required to operate any summer feeding program. (You may choose to feed children enrolled in the summer school program and continue to claim as categorically eligible in the School Breakfast Program, National School Lunch Program and Afterschool Snack Program.)
 - 50-100%** -Most recent October free and reduced eligibility rate, **must offer** breakfast and/or lunch to students enrolled in the summer school program and open the meal program to the community* for the duration of the scheduled summer program.

*School buildings with 50% or greater in the most recent October free and reduced eligibility rate must operate a summer feeding program in buildings where summer school is being conducted. To operate a site open to the community the School Food Authority must apply for one of the following programs:

Seamless Summer Option (SSO): Available to schools which operate NSLP during the regular school year. SSO application is added to the existing site application in WINS system. For additional information and instruction for how to complete this application process visit the SSO webpage: www.isbe.net/SSO

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP): Sponsors may opt to participate in the SFSP to meet the meal service requirements for summer meals. For additional information on how to apply and requirements visit the SFSP webpage: www.isbe.net/SFSP



Local Foods for Schools

Fun Facts
About Local
Food for
Schools!



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As of Oct. 15, 2023, \$228,917.61 in local foods have been claimed.



Local foods have been made available to approximately 317,273 students in Illinois.



Foods have been purchased direct from farmers, processors, food co-ops and distributors.



150 School Food Authorities have signed up.

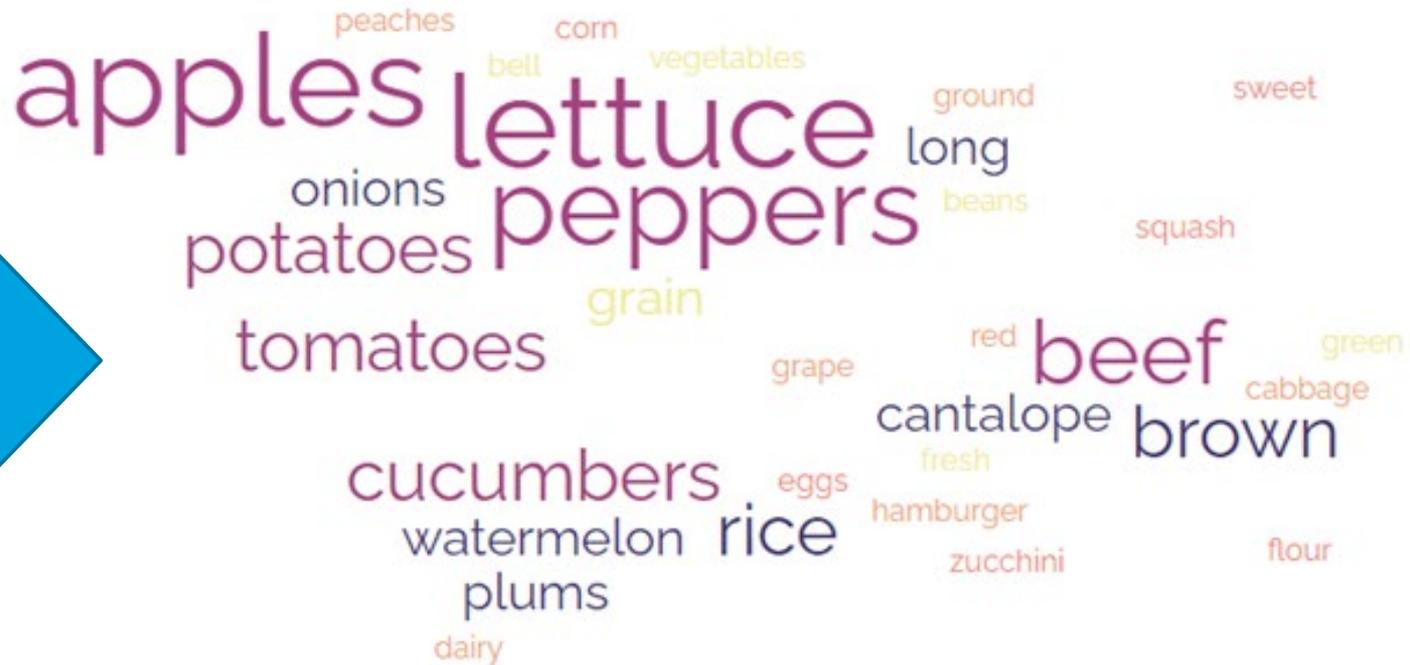


ISBE has 48 known local food providers (farmers, ranchers, producers, processors & distributors) in our search in WINS.



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Most Popular Local Foods Purchased



Important Note on Allowable Purchases:

Milk is not an allowable use of LFS funds. One of the requirements of LFS is that the funds are be used for new local foods or an expansion of current local foods products and cannot be duplicative.



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<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/LFSfunding-howtosignup.pdf>

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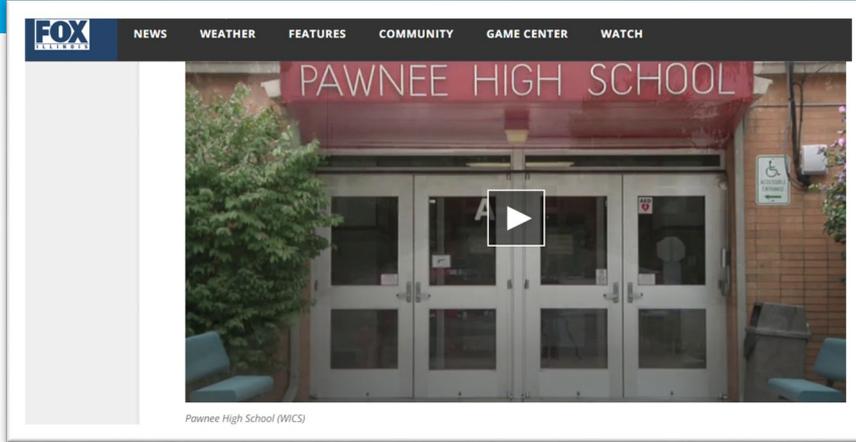
Upcoming Events & Funding Opportunities

- LFS Office Hours - save the date and a link to join are provided on the F2CNP website
 - November office hours: 2-2:30 p.m. Nov. 28
 - No office hours in December
 - January office hour information coming soon!
- Partnerships for Local Agriculture & Nutrition Transformation in Schools (PLANTS) Funding Opportunity. Applications are due by January 22, 2024. Visit their [website](#) for more information.
 - Funding opportunity that is seeking proposals for projects led by groups of local partners with systemic and equity-driven approaches to transforming school food supply chains. Projects should seek to build and strengthen relationships among community-based food system stakeholders and School Food Authorities (SFAs) as well as expand scratch cooking in schools in order to build more nourishing school meal programs.
- USDA Farm to School Grant Applications due Jan. 12, 2024. For more information on this funding opportunity visit the [USDA webpage](#).



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Success Stories



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Good Eats! 🍌🥦🍎🍔🥑🥕🥬

Megan McMillan, District 186 Food Production Manager hosted a representative from the nutrition team at Illinois State Board of Education at Grant Middle School to showcase how our schools are utilizing our Farm to School program partnership.

We have been using locally raised ground beef from [Gregurich Farms](#) in Pawnee, Illinois. This beef is utilized in all of our middle and high school cafeterias.

This partnership came about from the USDA Farm to School program, that promotes the use of local fruits, vegetables, dairy, and meats in schools. Utilizing these local items go beyond just the school. By promoting agriculture within our community we are helping strengthen the connection and availability of fresh, healthy foods and our local food producers.

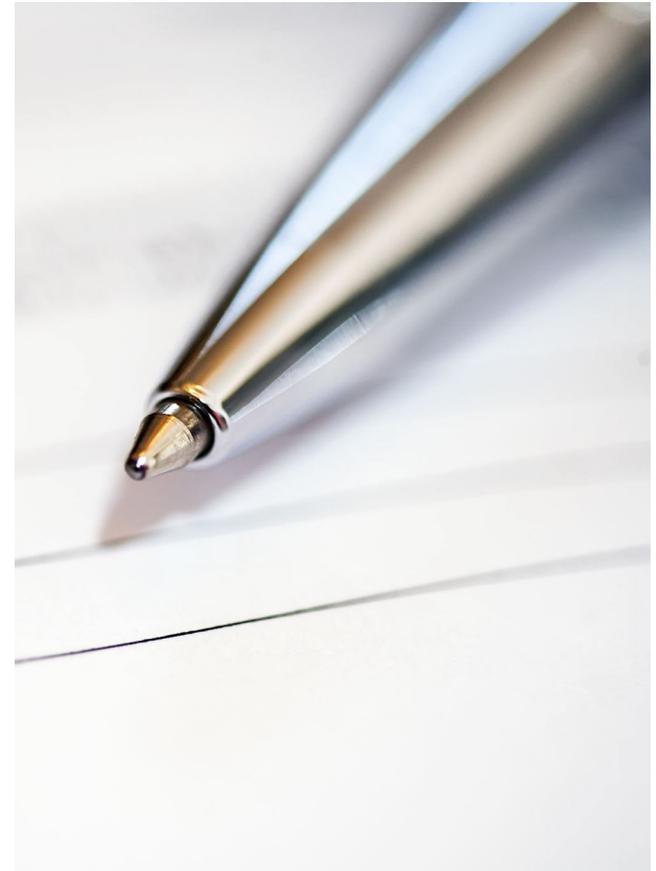
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Haven't Signed up for LFS Yet?

- Farm to School Website (resources and information): <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Nutrition-Farm-to-School.aspx>
- Instructions for Applying: <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/LFSfunding-howtosignup.pdf>
- Introduction Webinar: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xR3Gd-TpM6c&feature=youtu.be>



Coming Soon!



- Informational Webinar Tuesday December 5th at 10:00am-10:30am



FY 25 School Breakfast Program Expansion Grant

RFP to be released
January 2024

Must be at 40% or
higher free and reduced
eligibility percentage

Priority given to LEAs at
75% or higher

Up to \$10,000 per
school (site) to be used
to purchase equipment,
marketing materials,
staffing, etc.

1 required in person
training and multiple
virtual meetings

Recipients required to
provide data on the
impact purchases made
on their SBP



FY 25 School Breakfast Program Expansion Grant

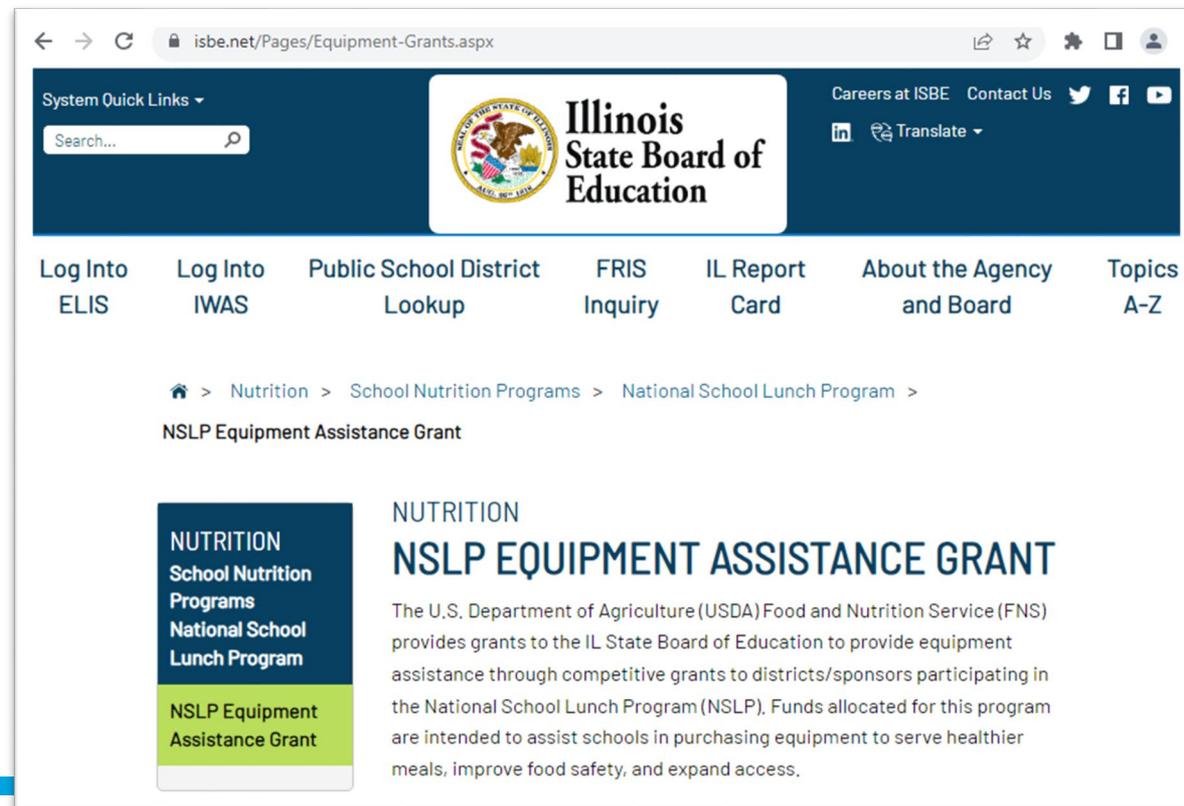


- Questions
 - Contact Abbey Johnson
 - Email: abjohnso@isbe.net
 - Phone: 217-782-2491



Coming Soon!

NSLP Equipment Assistance Grants



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [isbe.net/Pages/Equipment-Grants.aspx](https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Equipment-Grants.aspx). The page header includes the Illinois State Board of Education logo and name, along with navigation links for "Careers at ISBE", "Contact Us", and social media icons. A search bar is located in the top left. Below the header, there are several navigation links: "Log Into ELIS", "Log Into IWAS", "Public School District Lookup", "FRIS Inquiry", "IL Report Card", "About the Agency and Board", and "Topics A-Z". The main content area shows a breadcrumb trail: "Home > Nutrition > School Nutrition Programs > National School Lunch Program > NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant". The page title is "NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant". On the left, there is a sidebar with a blue background containing the text "NUTRITION School Nutrition Programs National School Lunch Program" and a green background containing "NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant". The main content area has a blue header "NUTRITION NSLP EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT" and a paragraph of text: "The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) provides grants to the IL State Board of Education to provide equipment assistance through competitive grants to districts/sponsors participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Funds allocated for this program are intended to assist schools in purchasing equipment to serve healthier meals, improve food safety, and expand access."



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<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Equipment-Grants.aspx>

Any Questions?

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