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ISBE UPDATE



ISBE School Nutrition Champion Award

The three recipients of the 2022 ISBE School Nutrition Champion Award are:

- **Steve Ebbesmeyer**, the food service director for **Belleville District 118**
- **Darla Kasperek**, a food service bookkeeper/administrative assistant for **Rich Township High School District 227**
- **Mary Nowak**, the kitchen manager at Whiteside Middle School, **Whiteside School District 115**



**SCHOOL
NUTRITION
CHAMPION
AWARD**

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



Agenda

- Summer 2022 Meal Operation
- School Nutrition Programs SY2022-2023
 - Waivers
 - Checklist
 - WINS
 - Meal Pattern Requirements, USDA Foods & Smart Snacks
 - Local Wellness Policy and Triennial Assessment
 - Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) or Normal Operations
 - CEP
 - Normal Operations
 - Direct Certification System
 - Processing Household Eligibility Applications
 - Financial Management - Paid lunch Equity
 - Meal Counting and Claiming
 - USDA Professional Standards
 - Procurement
 - Program Monitoring
 - Reimbursement Rates
- Supply Chain Assistance Funds
- Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT)
- ISBE Communications





Summer Meal Services – ISBE

- It is VERY important to ensure that your WINS application (Summer Food Service Program or School Nutrition Program for Seamless Summer Option) are completed PRIOR to the start of your program.
- Check WINS approval letters to make certain that your school is approved for the meal services and dates that you plan to serve.
- Approval prior to service is required.





Summer Meals – For your Community



- Families and students can find the closest Summer Meal sites by texting FOOD or COMIDA to 304-304, calling (800) 359-2163, or visiting <https://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids> to use the USDA Meals for Kids Site Finder.
- No Kid Hungry runs the texting service, and the Illinois Hunger Coalition staffs the hotline phone number.
- Children 18 and younger can receive a free meal at open Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option sites operating across the state.



School Year 2022-2023



In early March 2022, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that their expanded authority to issue nationwide waivers related to pandemic conditions will expire on June 30, 2022.

While the Keep Kids Fed Act of 2022 was signed into law at the end of June 2022, extending some waivers (predominantly for summer meal operations), the return to regular meal counting and claiming and collection of household eligibility application for schools NOT participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) schools will return for SY22-23.



USDA Waivers

- [Keep Kids Fed Act of 2022](#) continues some waivers for Summer meal operations, as well as limited use of waivers for School Nutrition Program SY2022-23.
- Continue to review all USDA policy at <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Waivers-Public-Notices.aspx>
- For SNP SY2022-2023 – Waiver requests will be submitted via WINS for limited time, and then approved or denied by ISBE.
 - Watch for more guidance in the near future
 - Waivers should only be requested when circumstances, specific to COVID, require flexibilities to continue program operation. Waivers **MAY NOT** be submitted in anticipation of future circumstances.
 - Waivers may be approved for a maximum of a two-week time period, as these waivers are limited in nature due to COVID specific reason.
 - If an additional waiver is needed, a new request must be submitted. It will then be reviewed by ISBE and notification of approval or denial will be sent.



Checklist for School Nutrition Programs

- Great resource to ensure you are completing all required tasks.
- Watch ISBE communication for additional reminders for all regulatory deadlines.

Timeline for School Nutrition Programs

Monthly	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Read The Outlook newsletter
	1-10	<input type="checkbox"/> Submit Claim for Reimbursement for all months in which a site participates in a meal or milk program
	13-20	<input type="checkbox"/> Make adjustments (if needed) July-March for the following month's USDA Foods deliveries through the Illinois Commodity System <input type="checkbox"/> Check our website for upcoming training opportunities
July		<input type="checkbox"/> Distribute Household Eligibility Applications to families (no earlier than July 1 of each year) <input type="checkbox"/> ISBE releases a public announcement on behalf of all Child Nutrition Program schools. SFAs that wish to release a separate public announcement can use the sample release .
August		<input type="checkbox"/> Process/certify Household Eligibility Applications within ten days of receipt
September		<input type="checkbox"/> Request at least two school food safety inspections this school year from your local county health department <input type="checkbox"/> Continue processing/certifying Household Eligibility Applications within ten days of receipt
October	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Begin the verification process .
	1	<input type="checkbox"/> October 1 Application Count
	31	<input type="checkbox"/> Last Operating Day of October Student Count <input type="checkbox"/> Begin On-Site Reviews of feeding sites (required for multi-site sponsors); to be completed by February 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Celebrate National School Lunch Week <input type="checkbox"/> Carryover pounds at processors must be used by 10/31
November	31	<input type="checkbox"/> Celebrate American Education Week
	2 nd week	<input type="checkbox"/> Continue On-Site Reviews of all feeding sites (due Feb. 1) <input type="checkbox"/> If meal services contract is scheduled to expire, check ISBE website for contracting workshops and register <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the verification process (Verification Summary Report due December 15) <input type="checkbox"/> Attend USDA Foods Show to check out processor options

<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/A-Overview-Child-Nutrition.pdf>



SY2022-2023 WINS Annual Application

- **Completed Annually - Updated Regularly!**
- WINS Application is now available
- Please double check the approval letter to determine if you have ALL programs and dates, as you plan to operate.
- Instructions are posted online on the main nutrition website under What's New?

<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/May2022-annualapplication.pdf>



SNP WINS Sites

- NSLP/SBP meals are claimed where the students are enrolled in school.
 - For public school enrolled students, this is the serving school in the Student Information System.
 - Please ensure any changes in the enrolling school's RCCTS, requires a change in the WINS site.
 - Ensure CEP approval is for all WINS sites that you wish to be included.
 - Complete guidance related to the ability to claim federal reimbursement for school meals is found in the Administrative Handbook, Miscellaneous Regulations, *Pupil Placement* guidance.



Planning for SY22-23



- School Nutrition Professionals should work with their local school district administrative team to plan what works best locally, keeping the USDA requirements in mind.
- Involve your local County Department of Public Health staff regarding specific questions regarding operations and issues related to food safety and sanitation.
- **Look for creative solutions!**
- ISBE is here to help navigate the SY22-23, ensuring healthy, nutritious at-school meals for all enrolled students.





Illinois School Breakfast Program Mandates

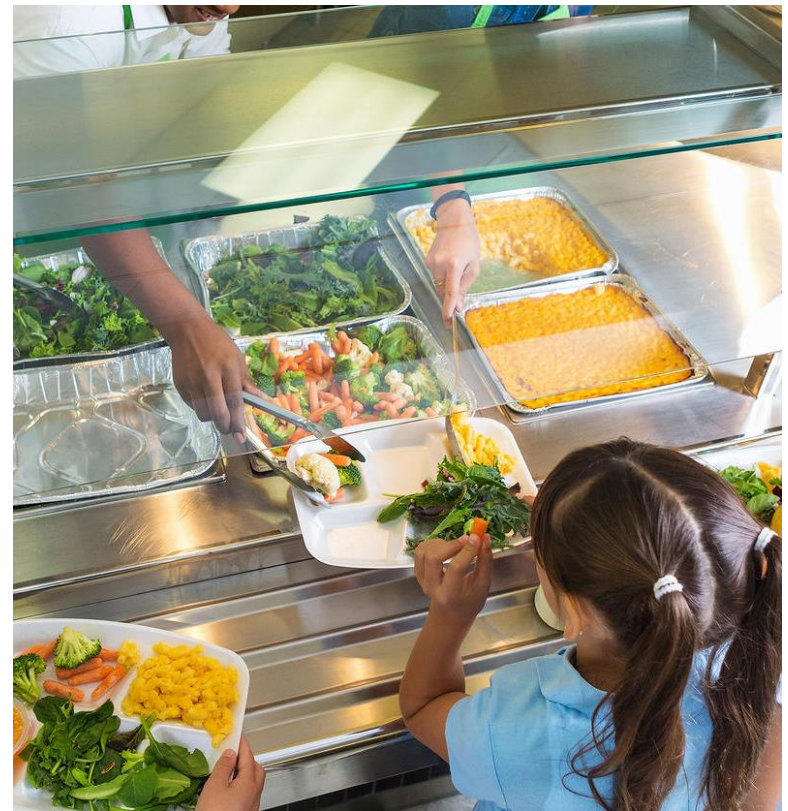
- **School Breakfast Program ([Public Act 096-0158](#))**
 - Public schools in which at least 40 percent of the students were eligible for free or reduced-price lunches in October of the preceding year* must operate a school breakfast program. Time and venue determined by school/district.
- **Breakfast After the Bell Program ([Public Act 99-0850](#))**
 - Public schools 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 must be provided to children after the instructional day has officially begun. This mandate does not prohibit schools from additionally providing breakfast before instructional day begins.



NSLP/SBP Meal Pattern, USDA Foods and Smart Snacks

- Meal pattern with portion sizes specific to grade groups
- Offer a variety of fruits and vegetables to students
- Vegetable subgroups must be followed
- Whole Grain Rich Grains (80% WGR)
- Fluid Milk is a required component for NSLP/SBP
- Smart Snack Regulations are applicable to SY22-23
- Utilize USDA Foods to the maximum extent possible, especially in times when supply chain issues are present
- Utilize the Food Buying Guide for crediting guidance

Join the SNP B2S 2022 Tuesday webinars for complete Meal Pattern and USDA Foods Guidance!





CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS: Transitional Standards for Milk, Whole Grains, and Sodium Final Rule

This new rule establishes standards for milk, whole grains, and sodium for school years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 to give schools time to transition in the short term. Meanwhile, USDA is working to develop long-term nutrition standards - based on the newest DGA and extensive input from a wide range of partners - that will work for schools, families, and industry alike. USDA expects to publish a proposed rule on the updated standards in fall 2022.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES



MILK

Schools and child care providers may offer flavored, low-fat milk (1%) in addition to unflavored, low-fat milk and flavored or unflavored nonfat milk¹.



SODIUM

The weekly sodium limit for school lunch and breakfast will remain at the current level, known as Target 1, for school year 2022-2023. For school lunch only, the limit will decrease marginally (10%) in school year 2023-2024 to put schools on an achievable path toward long-term sodium reduction, which will be addressed in future rulemaking.



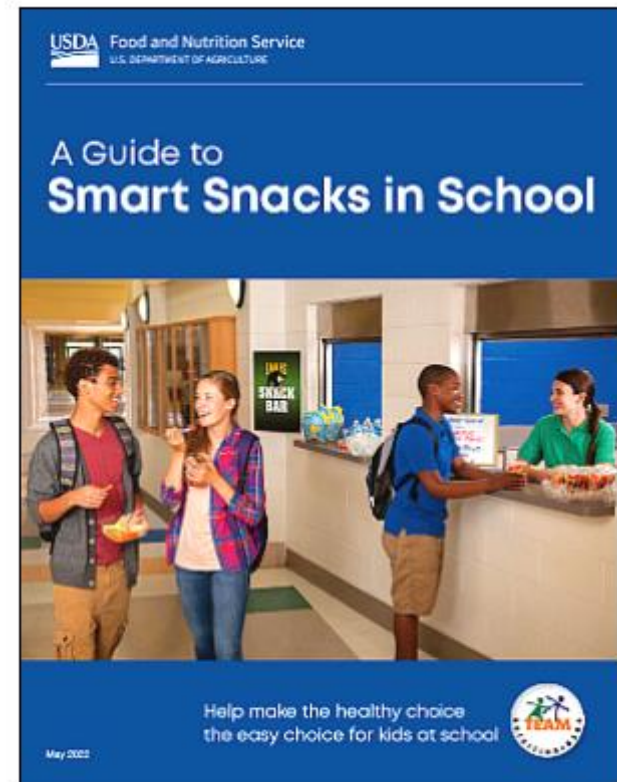
WHOLE GRAINS

At least 80% of the grains served in school lunch and breakfast per week must be whole grain-rich (containing at least 50% whole grains).



USDA Smart Snacks

- Easy-to-understand tips on how to meet Smart Snacks standards and why they are important.
- Share with anyone who sells foods and/or beverages to students outside of the school meals programs during the school day.
 - This may include school principals that might oversee vending contracts, snack bar managers, fundraising chairs, and local school wellness policy coordinators.

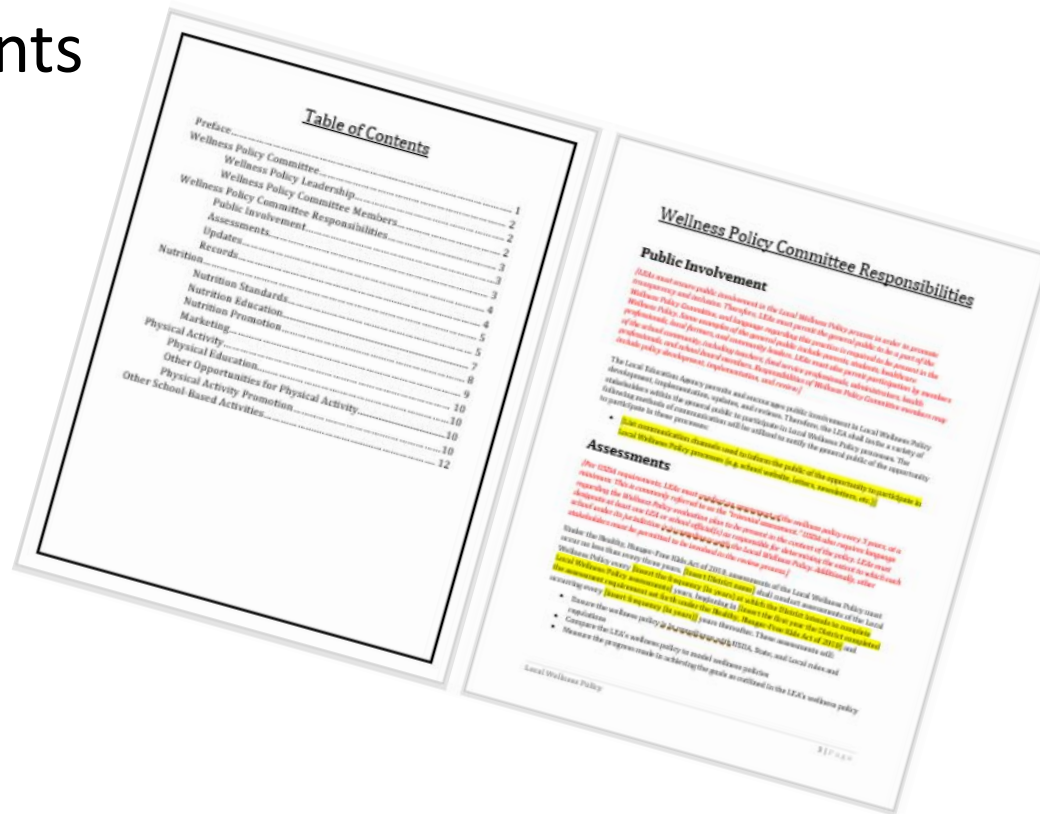


<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/guide-smart-snacks-school>



ISBE Local Wellness Policy

- Interactive Local Wellness Policy Template
- Meets USDA requirements
- Turn-key Resource
- Triennial Assessment



<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Local-School-Nutrition-Wellness-Policy.aspx>



School Year 2022-2023



Participating Schools

- Approved to operate Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)
OR
- Returning to Normal SNP Operations (determination of meal benefit status via electronic direct certification and the collection of household eligibility application)



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What is CEP?

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

- A non-pricing meal service option for schools and school districts in low-income areas.
- Requires approved schools to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without collecting household applications.
- For schools that elect CEP, USDA reimbursement is based on the percentage of students categorically eligible for free meals based on their participation in other specific means-tested programs.
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP),
 - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF),
 - Income eligible Medicaid (Free)
 - Foster Child status
 - Homeless
 - Runaway
 - Migrant
 - Head Start





To be eligible for CEP, a school must:

- Have a minimum level (40%) *Identified Students* as of April 1 in the year prior to implementing CEP;
- Agree to serve reimbursable lunches AND breakfasts to all students at NO CHARGE for up to four consecutive years;
- Agree to cover with non-Federal funds any costs of providing meals at no cost to all students above amounts provided in Federal assistance;
- Not collect free and reduced-price household eligibility applications from households in participating schools during the period of participation in the CEP;
- Count total breakfasts and lunches served to students; and
- NOT be a residential childcare institution (RCCI) as that term is set forth in the definition of “School” in 7 CFR 210.2.



Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

- **Deadline Extended:** September 30, 2022, or until the submission of the first claim for SY22-23
 - (Decisions really need to be made prior to the start of the school year!)
- Data used to calculate the identified student percentage (ISP) may be from anytime between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022.
- Check the *CEP Group Information in WINS* link for current participation information.
- 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>.



Specific Things to Consider for CEP election for SY22-23

- In most Illinois schools, meals have been provided to all enrolled students at no charge to the student, based on USDA flexibilities, for the past 2 school years.
- Participation rates are likely where they will be under CEP, as meals are currently at no charge under SSO.
- If a school returns to traditional meal counting and claiming (free, reduced and paid meals), some schools may see a decrease in reimbursable meals. This is difficult to estimate.
- [Public Act 100-1092](#), known as the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act, requires reimbursable meals to all enrolled students, regardless of the ability to pay for the meal or outstanding account balance.





School Year 2022-2023



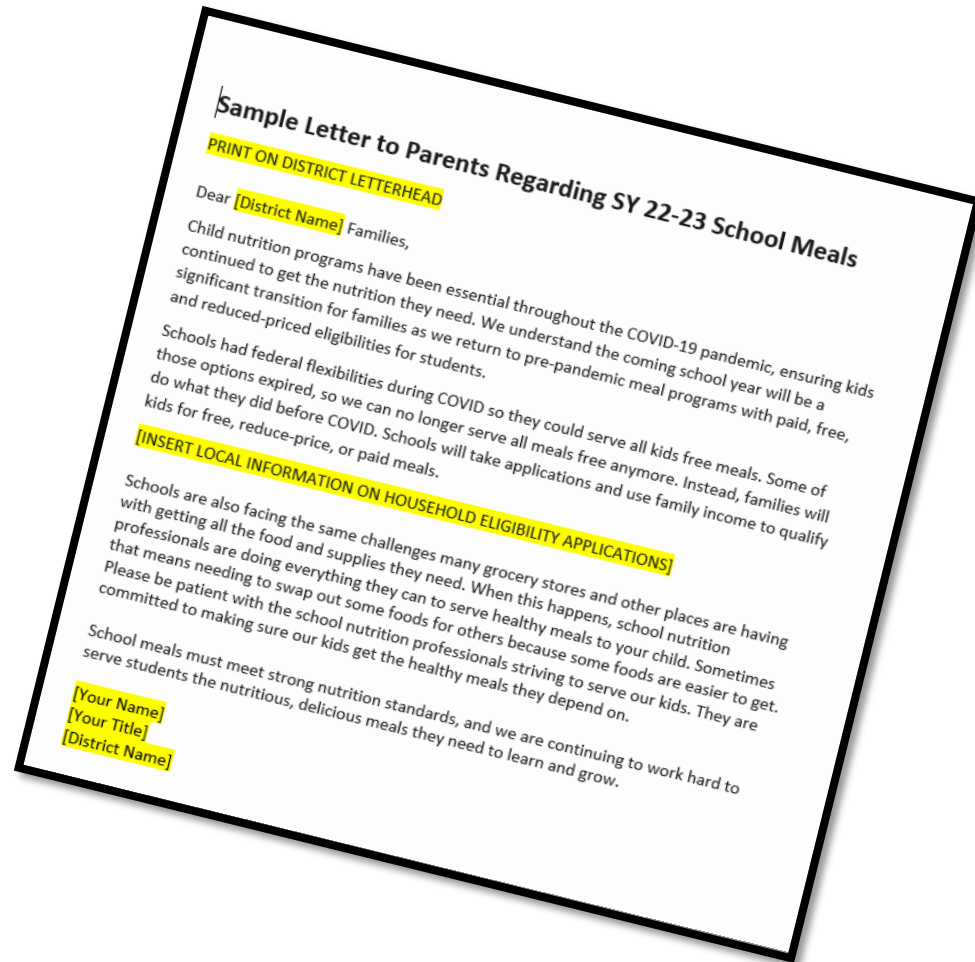
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OR
- **Returning to Normal SNP Operations (determination of meal benefit status via electronic direct certification and the collection of household eligibility application)**



SY22-23 Communications to Households

- For any school, returning to traditional meal counting and claiming and free, reduced and paid meals, please check out this sample letter.
- The USDA developed [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for households to assist with the transition to SY 22-23 for School Nutrition Programs.





SY2022-2023 Household Eligible Applications (HEA)

APPLICATION FOR FREE MILK/MEAL AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS—Complete One Application Per Household Per School District. Instructions on back.

1. All Household Members (Attach another sheet of paper if necessary.)
 NAMES OF ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS
 First, Middle, Last

2. Homeless, Migrant, Runaway, or Head Start (Categorically eligible)
 Homeless Migrant Runaway Head Start

3. Total Household Gross Income (before deductions) You must tell us how much and how often.

4. Signature and Social Security Number (Adult must sign)
 An adult household member must sign this application. If Part 3 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list the last four digits of his or her social security number or mark that he or she does not have a social security number.

5. Contact Information (Optional)
 Home Telephone Number (include Area Code) Home Address (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code)

6. Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities (Optional)
 Mark one or more racial identities:
 Asian Black or African American American Indian or Alaska Native White Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

INITIAL DETERMINATION
 L/E must annualize income only when multiple incomes, all varying frequencies, are reported.
 Annual Income Conversion: Weekly X 52, Every 2 Weeks X 26, Twice a Month X 24, Once a Month X 12

Free based on:
 Homeless Migrant Runaway Head Start

SNAP or TANF based on:
 Foster child Household's income

THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS ARE FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY—

SNAP OR TANF CASE NUMBER ONLY
 If you are using SNAP or TANF, you must provide the case number. If you are not using SNAP or TANF, you must check the appropriate box.

SCHOOL USE ONLY
 Check if Home Phone Application Check if Foster Child

- **Now Available**
- SNAP/TANF case numbers – 9 digits case number
- Distribution of HEA can occur anytime AFTER July 1 annually.
- Recommend that you distribute HEA **AFTER** you have directly certified students, as you would NOT distribute an HEA to any student directly certified.
- Some schools have online systems for HEAs.

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Household-Eligibility-Resources.aspx>



SY2022-2023 Eligibility Carryover

- For those schools returning to regular meal counting and claiming for SY22-23 that either participated in NSLP/SBP or who participated in SSO and conducted certification and verification for SY21-22, the meal benefit status of eligible students (free or reduced-price) at the end of the prior school year must be carried over for up to 30-operating days OR until a new eligibility status is determined.

**For any school operating SSO during SY21-22 and did NOT conduct certification and verification for SY21-22, the USDA has provided flexibility to use the most recent eligibility data available for their school district, even if the most recent available data is determinations from SY19-20. (Waiver #26 in WINS, if needed)



Direct Certification with Medicaid – Expansion to Reduced Price Eligibility

- Direct Certification matches will be expanded in the near future to include students eligible for reduced price meal benefits based on their participation in Medicaid at the appropriate reduced price income levels.
- More guidance will be shared, once available.
- Such matches will be on a separate downloadable export and print report via the Electronic Direct Certification system in WINS for NSLP/SBP schools.



Illinois
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Education





Save the Date: *Direct Certification and Certification Training*

- Direct Certification
 - August 10 from 1-2:30pm
 - <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3575149342935460624>
- Certification of Household Eligibility Applications (HEAs)
 - August 11 from 1-2:30pm
 - <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1190979324382349583>



Paid Lunch Equity Options for SY 2022-2023

- **Option 1) Utilize the PLE Waiver**
 - **Option 2) Request an Exemption to the PLE requirements**
 - **Option 3) Complete the PLE Tool**
- Join the SNP B2S 2022 Wednesday Webinars for complete Financial Management Update!*
- Not required for Districtwide CEP approved Sponsors.
 - Visit our website for more information on PLE:
<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Nutrition-Resource-Management.aspx>. For additional questions, please reach out to the Resource Management team at pleexemption@isbe.net.



Meal Counting

- To receive reimbursement, sites must accurately count, record, and claim the number of meals actually served to student.
 - This is referred to a **Point-of-Service (POS) Count**.
 - CEP Approved Sites – Total Meals at the POS by meal service
 - NON-CEP Approved Sites – Meals by category at the POS: FREE, REDUCED-PRICE, and PAID by meal service
 - Many schools have a computer system for this effort.
- Must maintain adequate documentation on file to support the claim.



Meal Claiming

- Claims for Reimbursement are submitted by calendar month in WINS.
- ISBE, Funding and Disbursements Department handles questions related to funding amounts and claim submission.
- Please reach out to their team at (217)782-5256.

Illinois State Board of Education
Division of Funding and Disbursement Services
CLAIM DUE DATES
 11/01/2013

ISBE requests that claims be submitted by the 10th of the month following the month being claimed. In June 2011, USDA clarified that Federal regulations require ALL valid final claims to be submitted no later than 60 calendar days following the last day of the full month covered by the claim. This means that all original claims and upward revisions will not be received as approved after 60 calendar days. Downward revisions may continue to be submitted at any time.

Claim Month	Due Date
October	December 30
November	January 29
December	March 1 (February 29 if leap year)
January	April 1 (March 31 if leap year)
February	April 29
March	May 30
April	June 29
May	July 30
June	August 29
July	September 29
August	October 30
September	November 29

If you have any claim questions please contact Funding & Disbursements staff at 217/782-5256.

Complete Guidance found at <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Child-Nutrition-Programs.aspx>.



USDA Professional Standards

REQUIRED TRAINING FOR ALL SCHOOL NUTRITION EMPLOYEES

Directors

At least 12 Hours Annually

This is in addition to the food safety training that is required to meet the hiring standards for new directors

Managers

At least 10 Hours Annually

Staff

At least 6 Hours Annually

Part-Time
Staff

At least 4 Hours Annually

Part-time staff are those that work less than 20 hours per week

Annual requirements apply to the 12 months between July 1 and June 30

Employees hired January 1 or later are only required to complete half the number of hours for the year



Available Professional Development Options

- ISBE
 - www.isbe.net/nutrition
- USDA
 - <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn>
- Institute of Child Nutrition
 - <https://theicn.org/>
- University of Illinois Extension
 - <https://schoolnutrition.extension.illinois.edu/>





Procurement

- Procurement means the process of obtaining goods and/or services in accordance with applicable rules and regulation.
 - Federal Regulations
 - State Regulations
 - Local Policies and Procedures

*Join the SNP B2S 2022
Monday Afternoon
Webinars for complete
Procurement Update!*



Complete Procurement Guidance found at
<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Nutrition-Financial-Management.aspx>



Monitoring

- ISBE Reviews
 - **Administrative Review**
 1. Meal Compliance and Accountability Review (MCAR)
 2. Resource Management Review (RM)
 - **Procurement Review**
- SFA Reviews
 - On-Site Review
 - After School Snack Reviews

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Wednesday Morning AND
Afternoon Webinars for
complete Monitoring Update!*



Complete Monitoring Guidance is found at <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Nutrition-Monitoring-and-Review.aspx>.



SY2022-2023 Reimbursement Rates

- The [Keep Kids Fed Act of 2022](#), for school year (SY) 2022-23, provides temporary additional reimbursements of:
 - 40 cents per lunch served through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP);
 - 15 cents per breakfast served through the School Breakfast Program (SBP); and
 - 10 cents per meal or snack served in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).
- Note that the annual adjustments to the reimbursement rates for NSLP, SBP, and CACFP will be published in July.
- The rate adjustment will be based on an increase of 7.4% from May 2021 to May 2022 in the [Consumer Price Index](#) for “food away from home.”





SY2022-2023 Reimbursement Rates

- As soon as they are released from USDA officially and updated, they will be posted online and in WINS.
- Watch What's New on isbe.net/nutrition.
- We anticipate this will occur this week!





Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) Funds Payment Amount

- Illinois was allocated \$36,802,362 initially, with another \$34,817,745 announced last week.
- Per USDA requirement, the SCA funding distribution is based on a predetermined formula:
 - \$5,000 base payment
 - Scalable proportionate amount based on student enrollment
- ISBE initially used School Report Card enrollment for eligible public schools, and participation detail enrollment for eligible schools without School Report Card enrollment data.
- A posted report of estimated funding levels per eligible SFA for the initial funding amount is posted.



Supply Chain Assistance Attestation Statement: General Conditions

An eligible SFA, must agree that they are:

- Experiencing supply chain disruptions and related financial difficulties/need which include unanticipated cancellation of food and supply contracts, lack of availability of certain foods, unexpected substitutions of food products, unpredictable increases in food and supply prices, and other obstacles related to supply chain situation of the USDA funded school nutrition program operations;





Supply Chain Assistance Attestation Statement: Allowable Expenses

- Will only use funds to purchases domestic unprocessed or minimally processed foods in a wide variety of minimal processing states (whole, cut, pureed, etc.) and/or forms (fresh, frozen, canned, dried, etc.);
 - Some allowable food products include:
 - fluid milk and other dairy foods such as cheese or yogurt;
 - fruit and vegetables (including 100% juices);
 - grain products such as pastas and rice;
 - meats (whole, pieces, or food items such as ground meats); and
 - meat alternatives such as beans or legumes.
 - Some unallowable food products include:
 - Significantly processed or prepared food items
 - Pre-made pizza;
 - Baked goods, such as breads, muffins, or crackers;
 - French fries, hash browns, or any formed potato item;
 - Pre-packaged sandwiches or meals;
 - Other prepared and/or precooked items such as chicken nuggets; and
 - Non-domestic food products.
- Will not use funds for any labor, indirect, or other administrative expenses;
- Agrees to use funding for current/future allowable expenses;





Supply Chain Assistance Attestation Statement

- Will comply with nonprofit school food service account requirements as detailed at 7 CFR 210.14;
- Will comply with all recordkeeping and review requirements per 7 CFR 210.9(b)(17) and 7 CFR 210.18, which would include maintaining documentation demonstrating appropriate use of SCA funds; and
- Will comply with all applicable Federal procurement and financial management requirements per 2 CFR 200.





SCA Tracking Form - *Sample*

- Will be posted for SFA use.

Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) Fund					
Illinois School – Tracking Form					
SFA Name:					
SFA Agreement Number:					
SCA TOTAL Funds Allocated:					
SCA Expenses					
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To document allowable expenses, the SFA will maintain with this tracking form receipts, invoices, domestic origin documentation to ensure compliance with SCA funds. Please note that only domestic unprocessed or minimally processed foods are allowable expenses to SCA funds. See posted guidance and attestation for complete information. www.isbe.net/nutrition

Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) Fund

Illinois School – Tracking Form

SFA Name:	School ISBE
SFA Agreement Number:	99-999-9999-99
SCA TOTAL Funds Allocated:	\$ 9,876.54

SCA Expenses

Date	Vendor Name	Allowable Product	Allowable Cost	Balance of SCA Funds	Documentation Attached (✓)
4/6/2022	Illinois Milk Company	Fluid Milk	\$ 543.21	\$ 9,333.33	✓
4/21/2022	Illinois Milk Company	Fluid Milk	\$ 298.64	\$ 9,034.69	✓
4/22/2022	Illinois Fruit Company	Grapes, Apples	\$ 687.06	\$ 8,347.63	✓
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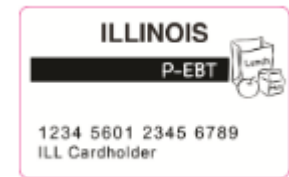
INITIAL Supply Chain Assistance Funds Available Deadline extended Until August 31



- Eligible School Food Authorities that say “Yes” to the Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) Attestation Statement by Wednesday, August 31, should anticipate receiving allocated funds from [the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s SCA funding program](#) in early September.
- In WINS, SCA link under Program Year 2022.
 - Schools that have NOT accepted the funds, have been receiving regular reminder messages from our team. Take ACTION TODAY!
- Payment coded in FRIS as 4210-SC.



Pandemic – EBT (P-EBT)



- In partnership with the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS)
 - School and student eligibility data collected by ISBE
 - P-EBT issuance completed by DHS
- Provides monies directly to households to purchase food, due to the pandemic
- P-EBT has been issued since March 2020, due to the federal public health emergency.
 - **SY21-22 P-EBT**
 - Pending USDA Approval
 - Eligible schools – Public (SIS Data) and Non-Public Schools (WINS Data Upload)
 - Due to in person learning and in person meals, likely less P-EBT benefits per each eligible student
 - **Summer 2022 P-EBT**
 - Plan approved by USDA as of June 29, 2022
 - Eligible schools – Public (SIS Data) and Non-Public Schools (WINS Data Upload)
 - P-EBT Summer 2022 Benefit - \$391 per eligible student
 - Guidance coming soon



P-EBT Household Contact Information

- The Department of Human Services (DHS) will handle ALL household contacts regarding P-EBT for SY21-22 and Summer 2022 P-EBT issuances.
- Please direct households to the following for assistance:
 - <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/pebt>
 - (833) 621-0737, a Toll-free P-EBT Helpline number available from 8:30 am to 5:00 PM, Monday thru Friday, excluding state holidays.



ISBE Nutrition Programs Communication

- Outlook is published every Monthly
- Mid-Month Communication sent via email
- Special Notification for MAJOR Issues
 - Food Safety Alerts
 - Legislative Alerts
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NUTRITION CHAMPIONS

The Illinois State Board of Education Nutrition Department is excited to announce three recipients of the 2022 ISBE School Nutrition Champion Award. Please join us in congratulating:

- **Steve Ebbesmeyer**, the food service director for Belleville District 118
- **Darla Kasperek**, a food service bookkeeper/administrative assistant for Rich Township High School District 227
- **Mary Nowak**, the kitchen manager at Whiteside Middle School, Whiteside School District 115

We saw a record number of nominations this year and it has been a very challenging couple years since we last named an ISBE School Nutrition Champion. Our selection committee members all agreed it was difficult choosing just one person to highlight among all the nominees.

This issue features all of the 2022 nominees and our three award-winners. We applaud school nutrition professionals across Illinois for their dedication to ensure the health, safety, and success of students!

Previous winners of ISBE's School Nutrition Champion Award are:

- 2019: Angie Benedict, the head cook at Highland



SCHOOL NUTRITION CHAMPION AWARD

Elementary School in Stillman Valley, Meridian Community Unit School District 223

- 2018: Sandy Voss, director of Food and Nutrition Services for Marquardt School District 15 in Glendale Heights
- 2017: Sandra Duniphan, the cafeteria manager for Pontiac-William Holliday School District 105 in Fairview Heights

In March 2020, nominations were still coming in when the COVID-19 pandemic began. Instead of naming an award-winner, we featured photographs of school nutrition professionals preparing and distributing meals in the [April 2020 issue of The Outlook](#). In 2021, the [May/June issue of The Outlook](#) highlighted Child Nutrition Sponsors across the state and included a proclamation from the governor for [School Lunch Hero Day](#).



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