



DPI Update



Child Nutrition & Food Distribution Back to School Workshop

Fargo – July 29, 2025

Minot – July 31, 2025

Bismarck – August 4, 2025

DPI Update Agenda

- **Schedule for the Day**
- **Administrative Reviews**
- **Meal Pattern Updates**
- **USDA Memos**
- **ND 2025 Legislative Session Updates**
- **Upcoming Training and Webinars 25-26**
- **Team Nutrition Updates**

Administrative Reviews

- **School Reviews are every 5 years**
 - **Very Intensive**
- **Nutrition Integrity Rule requires we note High Risk Schools – review again the next year.**
- **We are here to help!!**
- **There is a session just for schools up for Review**

2025-2026 School Reviews

Belcourt Schools	Lewis & Clark	Shiloh
Dakota Boys Ranch	Mandaree	South Prairie
Divide County	Mohall (MLS)	St. Ann's School in Belcourt
Drayton	Munich	St Johns in Wahpeton
Dunseith	NE Human Services - Ruth Meiers	St Josephs in Devils Lake
Elgin/New Leipzig	New Salem	St Michaels in Grand Forks
Fort Yates Public	Pride Manchester House	Standing Rock
Glenburn	Richland County #44	Surrey
Grand Forks Juvenile Det	Roosevelt at Carson	Warwick
Holy Family	Sawyer	Westhope
Home the Range	Scranton	Whiteshield
Kulm	Selfridge	Wing

UPDATES TO THE SCHOOL NUTRITION STANDARDS

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Added Sugars Product- Based Limits

- Breakfast cereals: no more than 6 g per dry oz
- Yogurt: no more than 12 g per 6 oz
- Flavored milk: no more than 10 g per 8 fl oz

Vegetable Variety at Breakfast

- Schools must offer at least two vegetable subgroups at breakfast per week, if offering vegetables in place of fruit at breakfast more than once per week.

NSLP Snacks Meal Pattern

- NSLP afterschool snack meal pattern requirements for K-12 children update to align with the CACFP snack meal pattern requirements.

Meal Modifications for Disabilities

- Schools must accept medical statements provided by registered dietitians requesting meal modifications on behalf of students with disabilities.



Scan the QR code to review all the updates to the school meal programs and stay up to date with new guidance and resources!

Meal Pattern Updates

Attend sessions today for more information:

- USDA Meal Pattern Updates (9:45-10:45 a.m.)
 - Overall updates from Final Rule
- Sweetening Compliance (11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.)
 - Specific to Added Sugar updates
- Administrative Updates (11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.)
 - Buy American



State 225/Medicaid Information

State 200

Year 1 (2023-24) 1688 Students Were Eligible

Year 2 (2024-25) 1783 Students Were Eligible

New State Eligibility Percentage 2025-2027: "State 225"

SY Free Reduced Info For 25-26 Is on DPI Website

Medicaid Direct Certification

Implemented on November 17th, 2024

Required Training

Sanitation and Safety Update

- Newly hired or promoted Food Service Directors, Kitchen Managers, and Lead Food Service workers
- 8-hour initial sanitation training (SAN)
- 3-hour sanitization update (SANU)
- Check ND Foods for your SAN/SANU certification dates

Required Training

Civil Rights Training

- Required annually
- All frontline staff and supervisors who work with CN program applications and students
- e.g. cooks, servers, cashiers, clerks, managers, administrators
- Will be offered at first Kitchen Counter Conversations on August 19th.

Procurement Training

- Required annually for anyone involved in Procurement

Procurement Training

Team Up Procurement Workshop

A Workshop for School Nutrition Leaders

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol Building in Bismarck, ND

FREE to attend!

Kitchen Counter Conversations

- THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
- 2 P.M. CENTRAL
- SEPARATE REGISTRATION FOR EACH WEBINAR

**Join us August 19, 2025 at 2 p.m. CDT
Annual Cashier & Civil Rights Training**



Jarrett J Krosoczka's 'Lunch Lady'

Final Reminders

- Monthly Newsletter To Authorized Reps And Lead Workers
- Equipment Grants - Awarded value unknown for 2025
- Professional Development – Today counts for 6 hours



Team Nutrition Training Grant

CULINARY TRAININGS

Registration coming soon!

Watch for email communication

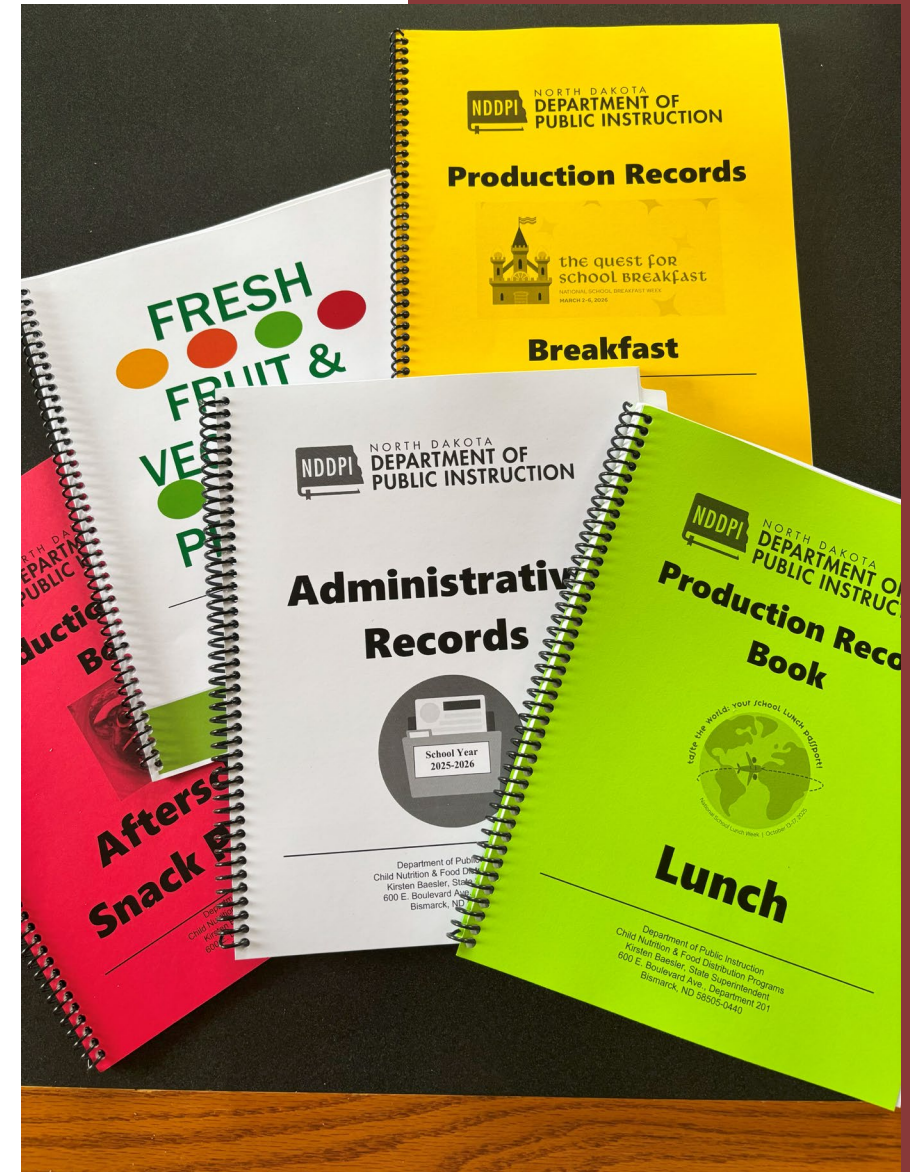


FY24 TN Training Grant: Meal Pattern Modernization for the Dakotas

Culinary Training
South Dakota
Incentive Training
Equipment Sub Grants

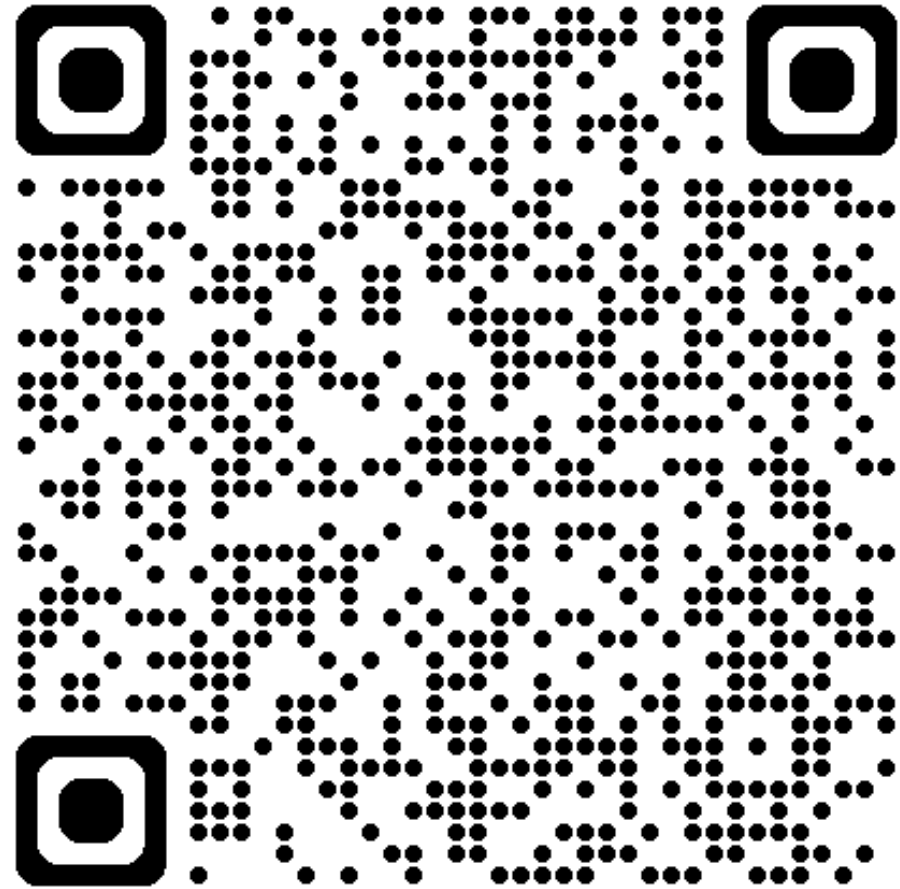


Production
Records and
Certificates can be
picked up at the
end of the DAY!



USDA Memo Recap

QR code for all
memos



FLUID MILK REQUIREMENTS

Maintain existing fluid milk requirements

- Fat Free or Low/Skim Fat, flavored or unflavored milk
- 2 varieties; required component for breakfast & lunch
- Sugar-based limits for flavored milk: no more than 10 g of added sugar per 8 ounces
- Substitutions must be nutritionally equivalent to cow's milk (see production records) unless there is a signed medical statement due to disability

SP 01-2025



SUBSTITUTING VEG AT BREAKFAST

Greater flexibility and more local control!
Previously required specific vegetable subgroups.

- If substituting 1 time per week, ANY vegetable subgroup
- If substituting 2+ times per week, different vegetable subgroups.

SP 02-2025



SUBSTITUTING VEG FOR GRAIN

Tribal communities & American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, & US Virgin Islands

- ½ cup vegetables = 1-ounce equivalent grains
- Must have different vegetable for veg. component
- Preference for culturally relevant vegetables
 - beans, corn, squash, prairie turnip, taro, jicama, chayote, tomatillos, etc

SP 03-2025



FEES FOR ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

~~Starting school year 2027-2028~~

- ~~• No fee allowed for electronic payments from Free and Reduced students~~
- Free payment method required
 - Fee for electronic payment is allowable
- Notify families of available payment options/fees
- Payment method available for families
 - who do not have access to a computer
 - who do not have bank accounts

~~SP 04-2025~~
Rescinded

SP 18-2025



ACCEPTING PROCESSED PRODUCT DOCUMENTATION

SP 05-2025

Additional information and clarification
regarding:

- CN label
- Watermarked CN label
- Manufacturers PFS

NSLP EQUIPMENT GRANTS

SP 06-2025

NSLP Equipment Grant Proposals may include reasonable costs for:

- Installation: delivery, testing and disposal of old equipment
- Minor kitchen remodel such as moving an electrical outlet
- Necessary attachments & accessories
- Ancillary charges such as taxes, freight

MEDICAL STATEMENT UPDATES

SP 07-2025

Accept signature of a Registered Dietitian

- Client relationship
- Foodservice staff who are RDs should not sign statement

NON-CONGREGATE MEAL SERVICE SFSP

Questions and Answers regarding rural meal service during the summer.

SP 08-2025

BUY AMERICAN: ACCOMMODATION PROCESS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026

Schools that will not meet the 10% cap for SY 25-26 can apply for a 'temporary relief' for this first year.

- Documentation of all nondomestic items that have been purchased, causing the 10% cap to be exceeded.

- Written plan to bring purchases under 10% cap.

Find the request form on the website:
SNP/Procurement/Buy American

SP 09-2025



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SFA Accommodation Plan SY 2025-2026

Please select all categories of food that require accommodation from the threshold requirement (i.e., exceeding 10 percent):

- ☐ Fruit
- ☐ Vegetables
- ☐ Fruit/Vegetable Juices
- ☐ Cereals
- ☐ Other, please specify _____

Please select all that apply for reasons for the accommodation from the threshold requirement (i.e., exceeding 10 percent):

- ☐ Timing of the procurement cycle
- ☐ Student preference/anticipated participation impacts
- ☐ Items that help meet meal standards
- ☐ Items that facilitate meal service models (e.g. grab n' go, Breakfast in the Classroom)
- ☐ Other, please describe _____

Please briefly describe the anticipated timeline to make modifications to meet the Buy American requirements (this could include timing of calculating the baseline percentage of non-domestic food purchases, or include the baseline percentage if available, obtaining documentation, and balancing the accommodation and exception process with making menu changes).

Please return form to: NDDPI-Child Nutrition and Distribution office
Mail: 600 E. Boulevard, Dept 201, Bismarck, ND 58505
Email: dpicnfd@nd.gov FAX: 701-328-9566

NDDPI-CNFD Approval: _____
Signature, Title Date

PROMOTING ACCESS TO VOTING THROUGH THE CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Please rip up **USDA Memo SP 7-2022:
Promoting Access to Voting through the
Child Nutrition Programs**

**SP 10-2025
Rescinded**



USING FEDERAL FUNDS TO PURCHASE LOCAL FOODS

Reiteration that Nonprofit School Foodservice Account (NPSFA) can be used to purchase local foods.

Reminder: must use proper procurement practices

SP 11-2025



PAID LUNCH EQUITY GUIDANCE FOR 2025-2026

SP 12-2025



For SY 25-26, exemption from PLE tool if ending balance of NPSFA is zero or positive.

If negative balance, PLE tool must be completed and requirements implemented.



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Edit Sponsor School Nutrition (SNP) Details

***PLE Requirement Exemption:** I certify that the nonprofit food service account had a zero or positive balance on June 30, 2024

☒ Yes ☐ No

***June 30, 2024 Fund Balance:**

FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTENSIONS ACT, 2025

EFFECT ON CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

- Crediting Vegetables at Breakfast
- No Chicken or Seafood from China
- Releasing PLE Tool SY 25-26 & Reiteration of PLE Exemption

SP 13-2025

OFFER VS SERVE FLEXIBILITIES FOR THE NSLP & SBP

Reviews requirements
Encourages implementation
-With some tips

SP 14-2025

2025 ENHANCING CNP MEAL STANDARDS

SP 15-2025

Federal meal patterns can be made more restrictive at the state and local level.

- Examples
 - State prohibits dyes in school food
 - Local requires all food to be scratch cooked, rather than using processed.

FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM: ALLOCATIONS OF FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

SP 16-2025

REIMBURSEMENT FOR OFF-SITE MEAL CONSUMPTION

SP 17-2025

Reviews exceptions to Congregate Meal service during the school year:

- Any time students are off campus during meal service for school related function
- Examples but not limited to:
 - Field Trips
 - Dual credit college classes
 - Work study
- Check with NDDPI-CNFD for allowability



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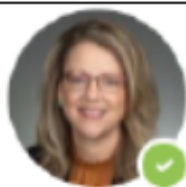
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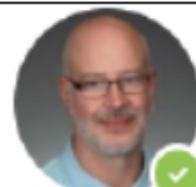
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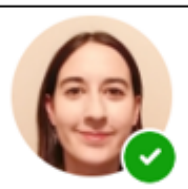
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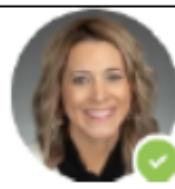
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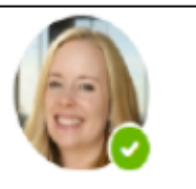
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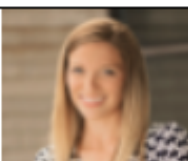
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