School Meal Programs Updates for the week of 10/7

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Update: Flexibility Ending in SBP - Extended!

Thursday, October 3, 2019, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the continued breakfast flexibility, which allows vegetables from any subgroup to be substituted for fruit.

This flexibility will end November 21, 2019.

Update: School Meal Programs Annual Requirements for SY 19-20

Participation in the U.S. Department of Agriculture school meal programs requires program operators to meet certain annual requirements. These include:

- **Verification of Eligibility** – Begins October 1 and ends November 15. The Verification Summary Report is due to Child Nutrition Services by February 1. The summary report will be submitted in WINS. More information to come.
- **Afterschool Snack Program Reviews** – Twice annually with first review occurring within the first four weeks the program is in operation.
- **CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meal Program Reviews** – Twice annually with first review occurring within the first four weeks the program is in operation (use Afterschool Snack Program forms).
- **Onsite School Reviews** of the School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program – Complete by February 1.
- **Food Storage Evaluation** – Complete by February 1.
Instructions, forms, and tools are available on the Child Nutrition Services website. While completed forms are not required to be submitted, you must keep them on file for Administrative Reviews.

REMINDER

School Meal Programs have other requirements that must be completed throughout the program year. Please use the School Meal Programs Requirements chart and School Meal Program Yearly Calendar to assist in understanding program requirements and finding resources.

Questions? Please contact your program specialist.

Update: Area Eligibility Map Available for FY2020

USDA released the FY 2020 Area Eligibility Map for Community Nutrition Programs, including the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

This data is provided by the Census Bureau and establishes area eligibility for these programs, effective October 1, 2019.

For more details, please review the USDA map and the USDA Policy memo.

Update: FDP Delivery Changes

Recently, OSPI Child Nutrition created a new form to help you change delivery data!

If you need to change your delivery address, or your contact person for USDA Foods deliveries, please fill out the Delivery Updates Form.

If you are updating your delivery address:

- Allow 30 days for the new location to be approved and take effect.
- Delivery address changes are limited to once per program year.

Questions? Please email the Food Distribution team, or call 360-725-6204.
**Update: FFVP 19-20 Allocation Update**

The U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently released *SP 29-2019: Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program: Funding Allocation Distribution.*

The amount available for FFVP distribution for fiscal year 2020 in Washington state, and across the nation, has been reduced. Washington state will now receive $4,095,939.

We would like to let you know that there will be no change to local education agency funding. Child Nutrition Services will absorb the change in state agency administrative costs.

**Questions?** Please email Rachel Floyd, NSLP Lead Specialist or call 360-742-4155.

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**Reminder: Meal Applications Completed on Behalf of a Household by Local School Officials**

U.S. Department of Agriculture regulations allow local school officials to complete a meal application for students *known to be eligible* for school meal benefits.

School officials may complete an application on behalf of the household after meal applications have been disseminated and the household has not applied.

This option is meant for limited use in individual situations.

If you use this option:

- Base eligibility on the household size and income information or Other Source Categorical Eligibility status known to the official.
- The source of the information used must be noted on the application.
- The school official must notify the household that their child has been certified to receive free or reduced-price benefits.

Additional details about this option can be found in the Eligibility Manual for School Meals.

**REMINDER**

This option must not be used to make eligibility determinations for categories or groups of children. Therefore, is not appropriate to use for meal debt.

**Questions?** Please contact your program specialist.
FYI: Mini Grants Available for School Employee Wellness

OEA Choice Trust is offering Mini Grants of $5,000 for public K-12 districts, ESDs and community colleges with active and established School Employee Wellness programs.

How can Mini Grant funds be used? Here are a few ideas:

- New wellness classes or activities
- Staff room makeovers (see our FAQ sheet online for details)
- Local equipment rentals, such as kayaks or skis
- Passes to state parks, pools, yoga studios or other wellness centers
- New wellness challenges and incentives
- Professional development or guest speakers

Applications are due October 25, 2019.

Visit the OEA Choice Trust Mini Grant webpage for more information.

FYI: Celebrate National School Lunch Week October 14-18

The National School Lunch Program serves more than 30 million children every school day—that’s something to celebrate! National School Lunch Week (NSLW) helps you celebrate all the great things you do every day, so join in and show off your school lunch successes.

This year’s theme is School Lunch: What’s on Your Playlist?

Why participate?

- Increase participation.
- Spread the message to parents that you’re serving healthy, delicious lunch at school.
- Earn media coverage from local papers, TV stations, and bloggers.
- Connect with teachers and administrators at your school or in your district to spread the word that school meals are healthy and delicious.

How to participate?

- Use the Emporium Catalog to celebrate.
- Encourage students to join in with activity sheets.
- Use SNA’s Marketing & PR Resources and #NSLW19 Toolkit for ideas, social media tips, celebration ideas, resources, and more!

We look forward to seeing your celebrations! Use #OSPIDChildNutrition on all your social media posts and join the conversation!
Highlight: Congrats to the Action for Healthy Kids Grant Awardees!

The Action for Healthy Kids (AFHK) grants support educators and parents in starting or improving health and wellness programs. This includes programs like alternative breakfast models, building school gardens, and more!

Congratulations to the following awardees:

- Charles A Lindbergh High School - Renton School District
- Alki Elementary School - Seattle School District
- Graham Hill Elementary School - Seattle School District
- Heritage High School - Evergreen School District 114
- Licton Springs K-8 School - Seattle School District
- Tops K-8 School - Seattle School District
- Regal Elementary School - Spokane School District
- Riverview Elementary School - Evergreen School District 114

Important Dates to Remember

October 9           FDP Orders Close
October 10          DoD Fresh and Diversion changes due
October 10-11       FDP Surplus Open
October 14 - 18     National School Lunch Week - What's on Your Playlist?
October 15          September Claim Due