

Monthly Update



School Nutrition Programs and Summer Food Service Programs

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Verification

KSDE CNW will conduct Verification training on December 1 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM. Join at this link: <https://ksde.zoom.us/j/97099922524?pwd=MmxZaINFS1JjS3d5S1dHN3Z1V2ZUZz09>. Sponsors can wait to begin Verification until after the December 1st training; however, Verification screens are now available in KN-CLAIM and Sponsors can begin Verification prior to the training:

- Count total number of applications received as of **October 1** and total number of students approved for reduced price and free meals as of **October 31**. Applications in “carry-over” status on October 1 should NOT be included in these counts.
- Complete the Pre-Verification Worksheet in KN-CLAIM to determine the Sponsor’s sampling method. Access the Pre-Verification Worksheet in KN-CLAIM by selecting School Nutrition Programs, Program Year 2021 and then clicking on the “Forms” tab on the Sponsor Summary page. On the same line as “Pre-Verification Worksheet” click the button which can be found at the right-hand side of the screen and has the image of a + sign.
- For step-by-step instructions, the Verification Quick Reference Guide can assist you in completing the Pre-Verification Worksheet correctly. Please download the guide at www.kn-eat.org, KN-CLAIM, SNP, Quick References, Verification Reporting.
- Once the Pre-Verification Worksheet is submitted, go into the Post-Verification Results screen to see the number and type of applications that must be verified. Verify **ONLY** the number required unless application(s) are verified “for cause”.
- **February 28** – Deadline to complete and report all verification activities in KN-CLAIM.

Annual On-site Accountability Reviews- SSO and NSLP Sponsors Only

The School Food Service On-Site Accountability Review (Form 9-G) can be accessed online at www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, Food Service Facts, Chapter 9. **By February 1, Sponsors implementing the Seamless Summer Option (SSO)** with more than one serving site must review each site approved to participate in the National School Lunch Program at least once per year and review 50% of all sites approved to participate in the School Breakfast Program once per year. Someone not involved in the daily meal accountability procedures at the site must conduct the On-Site Accountability Review. Keep completed reviews on file with school food service program documents for review or audit. Each on-site review must ensure the school’s claim is based on the counting system, as reported on the site application, and yields the actual number of reimbursable meals served for each day of operation. If the review discloses problems with a school’s meal counting or claiming procedures, the Sponsor must ensure that the school implements corrective action, and within 45 days of the review conduct a follow-up on-site review to determine that the corrective action resolved the problems. **These reviews can be completed via desk audit this year due to COVID Waiver flexibility.**



Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Reminder

SSO operators must update their SNP Site applications to add SSO info for January through the end of school year before serving meals in January 2021.

Proposed Rule: Restoration of Milk, Whole Grains, and Sodium Flexibilities - Comment Now

On November 25, FNS published in the Federal Register a Proposed Rule, *Restoration of Milk, Whole Grains, and Sodium Flexibilities*, which seeks to reinstate vacated milk, whole grains, and sodium flexibilities and make them available once again to schools and institutions participating in the Child Nutrition Program. The Proposed Rule is available at:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/11/25/2020-25761/restoration-of-milk-whole-grains-and-sodium-flexibilities>. The proposed flexibilities include:

- (1) Allowing National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) operators to permanently offer flavored, low-fat milk as part of a reimbursable meal and for sale as a competitive beverage and allowing flavored, low-fat milk in the Special Milk Program for Children and in the Child and Adult Care Food Program for participants ages 6 and older;
- (2) Allowing for half of the weekly grains in the NSLP and SBP menus to be whole grain-rich; and
- (3) Providing schools participating in the NSLP and SBP more time for gradual sodium reduction by retaining Sodium Target 1 through the end of school year (SY) 2023-2024, continuing to Target 2 in SY 2024-2025, and eliminating the Final Target.

This Proposed Rule proposes to reinstate regulations that were rescinded in the Final Rule, *Child Nutrition Programs: Rescission of Milk, Whole Grains, and Sodium Flexibilities: Notice of Vacatur*, which was published in the Federal Register on November 24 in response to an April 2020 court ruling vacating the previously published provisions. The Final Rule is available at:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/11/24/2020-25760/child-nutrition-programs-rescission-of-milk-whole-grains-and-sodium-flexibilities-notice-of-vacatur>.

The Proposed Rule comment period opens November 25, 2020 and will close on December 28, 2020. Complete information on how to submit comments is included in the Proposed Rule, however, commenters are encouraged to submit comments through [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) by the close of the comment period on Monday, December 28, 2020.

Food Service Management Company Training

An important training session for Sponsors considering contracting with a Food Service Management Company for SY 2021-22 will be held on January 13 from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm via ZOOM. Please RSVP to Jill Ladd at jladd@ksde.org to register and receive the ZOOM link.

FY2021 Farm to School Grant Request for Applications (RFA) Now Available

The fiscal year (FY) 2021 Farm to School Grant Program RFA is now available through [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). Be sure to visit the [Grant Applicant Resources](#) page to access other helpful resources, including links to webinars that provide specific assistance on applying for a Farm to School Grant.

Professional Development Opportunities

Virtual professional development will continue this fall and winter. The CNW Calendar has the class announcements, dates, times, and ZOOM links here: www.kn-eat.org, CNW Calendar. There is no need to preregister for the Zoom classes.

**Upcoming classes through Zoom include:**

- Verification on December 1 at 200 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
<https://ksde.zoom.us/j/97099922524?pwd=MmxZalNFS1JjS3d5S1dHN3Z1V2ZUZz09>
- CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals on December 2, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
<https://ksde.zoom.us/j/93895919077?pwd=YkVhNVBtVUFOS2xCT3RhUml2ekFZZz09>
- Exceeding Customer Expectations on December 3, 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
<https://ksde.zoom.us/j/95365699475?pwd=dkRWekRNOU5hbmlGcm5UK0lkeElyZz09>
- Managing Service on December 17th, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
<https://ksde.zoom.us/j/97050346964?pwd=cFFOdS9pL1NJT0dOekpnOXVvalBOQT09>
- Food Safety Basics January 20, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
<https://ksde.zoom.us/j/94099394145?pwd=eE9aVzk4b1NpdGNwVnBWM2dqQzZFdz09>

Town Hall Tuesdays at 2

Join us each Tuesday at 2:00 pm for a Town Hall meeting at:

<https://ksde.zoom.us/j/92455494779?pwd=aWpUUDI3N3hOVGcx01CRWg1NDJZz09>. On December 1, there will be Verification training lasting approximately 2 hours and you join using this link: <https://ksde.zoom.us/j/97099922524?pwd=MmxZalNFS1JjS3d5S1dHN3Z1V2ZUZz09>.

CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals Training Scheduled for December 2nd via Zoom

KSDE will be offering a zoom training for CACFP Sponsors serving or interested in serving CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals and Snacks on Wednesday, December 2nd from 2:00 – 3:30. This training will cover site eligibility, required recordkeeping elements, claiming meals and snacks, as well as reviewing useful resources for Sponsors. To join the webinar, use the following link: <https://ksde.zoom.us/j/93895919077?pwd=YkVhNVBtVUFOS2xCT3RhUml2ekFZZz09>

Online Professional Development Classes and Tutorials

Over 30 classes and tutorials, including the 3-hour Food Safety Basics class can be accessed free of charge 24/7 via the KSDE Training Portal. Create an account at <https://learning.ksde.org>. For detailed instructions on creating an account and accessing the training, go to www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, Training.

Kansas Food Safety in Schools Online Training – Now Available!

Sponsors can now access the online 8-hour Kansas Food Safety in Schools. In this online training, participants will study all relevant aspects of food safety in child nutrition programs. This class meets USDA Professional Standards requirements for 8 hours of food safety training for Directors (Food Service Directors and Authorized Representatives); KSDE's food safety training requirement for any school staff and has been approved to meet the School Nutrition Association's (SNA's) requirements for certification. Access the training at <https://learning.ksde.org/>, Child Nutrition & Wellness, School Nutrition Programs (SNP).

Production Records: The Basics quick train tutorial – Now Available!

Sponsors can now access the online 10-minute quick train tutorial through the KSDE Training Portal. This online training provides an overview and demonstration of how to complete a production record. Production Records are required to document meals and snacks served to children in Child Nutrition Programs. This class can assist program operators with ensuring production records are filled out correctly and completely. Access the training at <https://learning.ksde.org/>, Child Nutrition & Wellness, Child Nutrition Programs (General Information).



Mountain Plains Crunch Off Results

Thank you to all sponsors who participated in the Mountain Plains Crunch Off! Kansas had over 100 organizations, schools, day cares and individuals registered totaling over 15,000 participants crunching into an apple during October. Congratulations to P0118, First Choice Support Services, and USD 266 Maize for most 'crunchers' registered in the CACFP and SNP categories respectively! These sponsors each received a trophy for their amazing efforts. It was wonderful to see so many pictures of events shared on social media, newsletters and newspapers! In the nine-state Mountain Plains Crunch Off, Kansas had tough competition. The winning State was Nebraska with 4.13% of its' capita participating.

Healthy Kansas Plate Posters – Back in Stock!

The Healthy Kansas Plate Poster, based on USDA's MyPlate, was developed to assist Kansas schools and Sponsors in identifying the reimbursable meal and to assist in providing nutrition education to its participants. The Healthy Kansas Plate Poster is back in stock in two sizes! The large poster is 27" x 39" and the small poster is 16" x 22". Both posters are coated with dry-erase film so that the components of the reimbursable meal can be written in the appropriate food group and then easily wiped off for the next meal. To request a poster, email Sarah Bruschi at sbruschi@ksde.org. Be sure to include the size and number of posters in your request.

Staffing Update

Judy Neely, Child Nutrition Consultant, will be retiring after 10 years of outstanding service to the KSDE Child Nutrition & Wellness team on December 11th. Join us for the Town Hall on Tuesday December 8th at 2:00 pm to congratulate Judy through the interactive chat and sign the virtual guest book at: <https://ksde.zoom.us/j/92455494779?pwd=aWpUUDI3N3hOVGcx01CRWg1NDJ2Zz09>.

Healthy Holidays!

Happy & healthy holidays from the Child Nutrition & Wellness team! Please call or email your area Child Nutrition Consultant or any of the Topeka office staff if you have questions or for technical assistance!

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