

Pre-approved Food Service Equipment List

Carts/Cabinets

- Can Dispenser Rack
- Condiment Cart/Bar
- Dish Dolly/Caddy
- Heated Transport Cart
- Holding Cabinet
- Insulated Transport Cart
- Kiosk
- Proofing Cabinet
- Refrigerated Transport Cart
- Sheet Pan Rack/Speed Rack
- Storage Rack
- Trash Cart
- Tray Dispenser
- Utility Cart

Cleaning

- Commercial Sinks/Three Compartment Sinks
- Containers to Handle Recyclables
- Dish Machine/Dishwasher
- Dish Tables
- Floor Troughs
- Garbage Disposal
- Pot and Pan Machine
- Specialty Sinks: Hand, Pot and Pan, Prep, Produce, Utility
- Sprayer Hose
- Water Booster Heater
- Water Softener (food service exclusive)

Computers/Hardware & Software

- Cash Registers/Point-of-Sale (POS) Equipment/Hardware
- Computer hardware
- Point of Sale (POS) Software

- Software/programs for management (i.e. inventory, nutritional analysis)
- Meal Counts, Eligibility Application Approval

Cooking

- Barbeque
- Broiler
- Char broiler
- Cook Chill Kettle
- Cook Top/Range
- Exhaust Hood/System
- Fryer Dump Station
- Fryer
- Griddle/Flat Top Grill
- Hot Plates
- Induction Cooker
- Microwave Oven
- Oven: Combi, Convection, Conventional, Cook and Hold, Pizza, Retherm, Rotary, Rotisserie
- Smoker
- Soup Kettle
- Steam Kettle
- Steamer: Convection, Double Stack
- Tilt Skillet/Braising Pan
- Toaster

Dry Storage

- Dunnage, Pan Tray Rack
- Stainless Steel Cabinets/Counters
- Shelving/Shelf System

Equipment on this list may cost more or less than the capitalization threshold.

Farm to School and School to Gardens

- Seeds and General Garden Supplies
- Composting Bins
- Garden Tiller
- Grow Lights
- Hoop House Kit
- Hydroponic and Aquaponic Systems
- Rain Barrel/Water Tank
- Raised Bed Kit
- Wagon/Wheelbarrow

Food Service funds may be used to buy supplies or equipment for the school garden or school farm if they are used within the context of the school meal programs and serve the purpose of operating and improving the school meal program only. See USDA guidance memos ¹ [SP 06-2015: Farm to School and School Garden Expenses](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/SP06-201505_0.pdf) and ² [SP-32-2009: School Garden Q&As](https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/school-garden-qas).

Note: The items above are not allowable if they are permanent, immovable structures.

Permanent structures are considered capital infrastructure costs, which are not allowed with Non-profit Food Service Account (NFSA) funds.

Miscellaneous

- Air Curtain/Fly Fan
- Compressors/Condensers
- Electronic Menu Boards
- Faucet Aerator
- Fire Suppression System
- Generators (food service exclusive)
- Grease pumps
- Hot Water Heater
- Ice Machine

- Point of Service (POS) hardware, scanners, keypads
- Temperature Monitoring Equipment
- Vending machines (food service exclusive)
- Washers and dryers (food service exclusive)
- Water Descaler System
- Water Filtration System

Preparation

- Blender: Immersion, Smoothie Mixer
- Bread Slicer
- Buffalo Chopper
- Cold Sandwich Station
- Depositor: Cookie, Cupcake, Donut, Muffin
- Dough Divider, Press, Cutter Roller/Sheeter
- Food Processors/Choppers/Dicers
- Hot Water Dispenser
- Mixer: Countertop, Floor, Handheld, Planetary, Vertical Cutter
- Packaging Machine/Vacuum Sealer/Tray Sealer, Pre-pack System, Shrink Wrap Machine
- Pulper

Refrigeration

- Blast Chiller
- Camchiller
- Cooling Tower
- Display Case/Open-Front Refrigerators
- Ice Cream/Slushie Machine
- Milk Cooler
- Pass Thru Refrigerator
- Reach In Freezer
- Reach In Refrigerator
- Refrigerated: Buffet Tables, Display Case, Drawers, Prep Tables, Salad Bars
- Refrigerator Freezer Dual Temperature

¹ https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/SP06-201505_0.pdf

² <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/school-garden-qas>

Refrigeration Continued

- Tumbler Chiller
- Under-Counter Refrigerators/Freezer
- Walk-In Freezer
- Walk-In Cooler
- Worktop Refrigerators/Freezer
- Yogurt Machine

Replacement Parts

Replacement parts for equipment on the Pre-approved Food Service Equipment List are also pre-approved regardless of cost. Sponsors must still practice proper procurement to find the best value when replacing parts/servicing units.

Service Items

- Cashier Station
- Cafeteria Signage
- Chill Table
- Coffee/Tea Machine
- Condiment Bar
- Cold Food Well
- Food Warmers: Countertop, Drop-In, Drawer
- Heated Display Case
- Heated Sandwich Slide
- Hot Food Well
- Pass Thru Warmer
- Portable Hand Washing Station
- Portable Serving Line
- Salad Bar
- Sneeze Guards
- Steam Table
- Steam Table Serving Shelves
- Tables and Chairs for Cafeteria*
- Tray line

Shared Costs

* If equipment will be shared with other programs outside of food service, the amount funded by the Non-profit Food Service Account (NFSA) must be prorated.

Transportation

- Food Transport Van/Truck
- Lift Gate, Added to New or Existing Food Transport Van
- Ramp for Transport Van

Reminder: If the vehicle is shared outside of food service, the amount funded by the NFSA must be prorated.

Worktables

- Enclosed Base Worktables
- Poly Top Worktable
- Stainless-Steel Worktable

Unallowable Items

- Air Conditioning
- Security Cameras/Systems
- Public Announcement Systems
- Contingency Fees
- Infrastructure Costs
- Additional square footage for kitchen or cafeteria expansions
- Fans (Comfort Items)

Contact MDE to discuss allowability of items not listed.

Questions

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