USDA Memo SP 32-2017: School Meal Flexibilities for SY 2017-2018


**WGR Requirements**
MDE will continue to approve exemption requests for WGR products.

All WGR exemptions that were approved for SY 2016-2017 will continue for SY 2017-2018.

- If already approved for SY 2016-2017, you **DO NOT** need to complete a new exemption survey.
- If you do not have a current WGR exemption approved and wish an exemption for items, you must complete the [SY 2017-2018 WGR Request for Whole Grain-Rich (WGR) exemption survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z7WH6MT).

**Sodium Limits**
For SY 2017-2018, schools must continue to meet Sodium Target I.

**Low-Fat Flavored Milk**
MDE will grant exemptions for service of low-fat (1%) flavored milk in the NSLP and SBP, and as a competitive food available for sale on the school campus during the school day.

In order to qualify for the exemption, schools must demonstrate hardship by documenting a reduction in student milk consumption or an increase in school milk waste.

Complete the [SY 2017-2018 Request for Use of Flavored, Low-Fat (1%) Milk exemption survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZQ8KXHR) if you wish an exemption for flavored, low-fat milk.

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2 [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z7WH6MT](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z7WH6MT)
3 [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZQ8KXHR](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZQ8KXHR)