

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

The USDA memo, [SP 32-2017: School Meal Flexibilities for School Year 2017-2018](#)ⁱ, addresses flexibilities related to whole grain-rich (WGR) requirements, sodium limits, and low-fat flavored milk.

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](#)ⁱⁱ.

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](#)ⁱⁱⁱ if you wish an exemption for flavored, low-fat milk.

ⁱ <https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/school-meal-flexibilities-sy-2017-18>

ⁱⁱ <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z7WH6MT>

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZQ8KXHR>