

School Nutrition News From

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The information in this document helps support Goal 4, Strategy 4.1, of [MDE's Top 10 in 10 Initiative](#)ⁱ by helping to ensure students receive important nutritional resources to help them learn and grow.

Michigan Department of Education (MDE) School Nutrition Association (SNAM) June Nutrition Conference

The staff of the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) Office of Health and Nutrition Services (OHNS) and the School Nutrition Association of Michigan (SNAM) are pleased to announce the 2019 MDE-SNAM June Nutrition Conference at Shanty Creek Resorts in Bellaire, Michigan. The conference will be held June 18 -20, 2019.

School Year 2019-2020 Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application

The Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application prototype and related materials for the 2019-2020 school year are posted on the [School Nutrition Website](#).ⁱⁱ The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) did not update the Free and Reduced Meals Application for the upcoming school year. If using the USDA Prototype Application, please be sure to change the date on the top of the form to "2019-2020" prior to printing. In addition, be sure to adjust your print margins so that the signature boxes on the bottom do not get cut off when you print it. For a copy of the MDE prototype of the Free and Reduced-Price application, contact Linda Bushong at 517-241-5373.

Either application is acceptable as long as it contains all the required information. Any questions may be directed to mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov or 517-241-5374.

No Kid Hungry Webinar – Engaging Students in the Success of School Breakfast

Students are the customers of school breakfast and it is important to engage them as such. Students can be involved in various aspects of the school breakfast program including marketing, menu planning, and delivery. This webinar will cover the basic building blocks of successful youth engagement and highlight a variety of ways that students can be engaged in the success of the school breakfast program. There will be two guest speakers who will share creative examples from their firsthand experiences.

When: Thursday, May 16, 2019, 2:00 – 3:00 ET

To Register: [Engaging Students in the Success of School Breakfast Registration](#)ⁱⁱⁱ

USDA New Food Crediting Memos – Released April 17, 2019

USDA has released six new memos that address the crediting of foods that previously did not credit in Child Nutrition Programs. They are listed below with a link to the memo. Please note that USDA is planning to do a webinar on each of these topics. Additionally, as questions have already risen, USDA plans to release Q & A guidance. More to come!

- SP 21-2019, CACFP 08-2019, SFSP 07-2019
[Crediting Shelf-Stable, Dried and Semi-Dried Meat, Poultry, and Seafood Products in the Child Nutrition Programs](#)^{iv}
- SP 22-2019, CACFP 09-2019, SFSP 08-2019
[Crediting Coconut, Hominy, Corn Masa, and Corn Flour in the Child Nutrition Programs](#)^v
Note: With the issuance of this memorandum, FNS is rescinding *SP02-2013: Corn Masa (Dough) for Use in Tortilla Chips, Taco Shells, and Tamales*, October 3, 2012.
- SP23-2019, CACFP 10-2019, SFSP 09-2019
[Crediting Popcorn in the Child Nutrition Programs](#)^{vi}
- SP 24-2019, CACFP 11-2019, SFSP 10-2019
[Crediting Surimi Seafood in the Child Nutrition Programs](#)^{vii}
- SP 25-2019, CACFP 12-2019, SFSP 11-2019
[Crediting Tempeh in the Child Nutrition Programs](#) ^{viii}
- SP 26-2019, CACFP 13-2019, SFSP 12-2019
[Crediting Pasta Products Made of Vegetable Flour in the Child Nutrition Programs](#)^{ix}

Michigan Child Nutrition Training Calendar

Please visit the [Michigan Child Nutrition Training Calendar](#),^x a one-stop-shop calendar that lists child nutrition trainings across the state. If you wish to add your training to the calendar or have questions, contact mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov. The more trainings listed, the better the calendar will be!

Reminder – Upcoming Events

USDA will be presenting a webinar titled Crediting Vegetable Noodles and Coconut in CNPs

This webinar will provide an overview of the crediting updates resulting from the Request for Information for these foods and provide crediting technical assistance with hands-on practice specifically for vegetable noodles and coconut. All are welcome to attend, including program operators, State Agencies, and the food industry.

When: Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Time: 2 – 3 pm EST

Registration for this free webinar is now available, visit [Webinar Registration](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. If you are unable to attend the LIVE webinar, there will be a recording of the webinar announced and posted a few weeks after the webinar's completion.

Questions of the Week

The final rule for Hiring Flexibilities under Professional Standards allows more hiring options for Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) with a student enrollment of 2,499 or fewer students. The new flexibilities do not apply to LEAs with student enrollment of 2,500 or more students.

Question: The final rule for Hiring Flexibilities under Professional Standards says the State Agency has the discretion to consider documented volunteer or unpaid work as relevant experience for new school nutrition program directors in LEAs with 2,499 or fewer students.

Is MDE allowing this flexibility?

Answer: Yes. This flexibility applies to LEAs with 2,499 students or fewer only.

Question: The new hiring flexibility for LEAs with 2,499 or fewer students allows a food service director to be hired who has relevant food service experience, rather than school nutrition program experience. What type of food service experience counts?

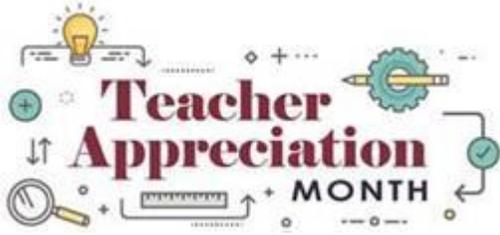
Answer: Types of acceptable food service experience could include the following: hospital, nursing home, assisted living, restaurant, catering – this is not all inclusive.

Question: The final rule for Hiring Flexibilities under Professional Standards says the State Agency has the discretion to accept less than the required years of food service experience for a new director hired in an LEA with fewer than 500 students, as long as the director has the minimum required education. Is MDE allowing this?

Answer: Yes. In this situation it is best to contact the School Nutrition Programs office prior to hiring to ensure the potential candidate meets hiring standards.

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May is Teacher Appreciation Month. Use #MIteachAppresh to recognize outstanding educators – learn more: bit.ly/MIteachAppresh



ⁱ <https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-80635---,00.html>

ⁱⁱ https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-66254_50144-194552--,00.html

ⁱⁱⁱ <http://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/webinars/engaging-students-success-school-breakfast>

^{iv} https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/SP21_CACFP08_SFSP07-2019os.pdf

^v https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/SP22_CACFP09_SFSP08-2019os.pdf

^{vi} https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/SP23_CACFP10_SFSP09-2019os.pdf

^{vii} https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/media/file/SP24_CACFP11_SFSP10-2019os.pdf

^{viii} https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/media/file/SP24_CACFP11_SFSP10-2019os.pdf

^{ix} https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/SP26_CACFP13_SFSP12-2019os.pdf

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