

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.

On behalf of the Office of Health and Nutrition Services (OHNS), I want to thank everyone that attended our MDE-SNAM June Nutrition Conference last week at Shanty Creek Resort. I truly believe it was one of the best June Conferences due to all of the networking opportunities, sessions that my OHNS colleagues pulled together, and the great audience participation. I hope that everyone left energized and with some new ideas to use in your programs that support our collective efforts around our MDE's Whole Child Priority. Have a wonderful July 4 week, hopefully you all have something planned to enjoy the beautiful Michigan summer time weather that finally decided to arrive. – Melanie Brummeler

Michigan Child Nutrition Training Calendar

Please visit the [Michigan Child Nutrition Training Calendar](#),ⁱⁱ 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!

Upcoming Events/Deadlines

MEGS+ Application Due Date

The Michigan Electronic Grant System Plus (MEGS+) Child Nutrition Programs (CNP): School Nutrition Programs (SNP) 2020 Application is now available. For the MEGS+ website for completing the SNP 2020 renewal/application, visit [MEGS+ Website](#).ⁱⁱⁱ The table below shows the MEGS+ application deadlines based on the first month in the 2019-2020 school year for which you may submit a claim for reimbursement in the SNPs.

Claim Month	Application Due
July 2019	July 1, 2019
August 2019	August 1, 2019
September 2019	September 1, 2019

Please note a MEGS+ CNP: SNP 2020 Application must be submitted and approved in order to submit claims for July and August 2019.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

You must notify the MDE School Nutrition Programs (SNP) unit of your intention to participate in the CEP for School Year 2019-2020 by June 30, 2019. SNP requires the notification to occur by selecting "yes" to question number 12 and saving the

Sponsor Information Page in the Michigan Electronic Grants System Plus (MEGS+) CNP: SNP 2020 Application. This selection must be made by the deadline, as a late selection cannot be approved.

USDA Foods Program

School food authorities (SFAs) must complete the *Request for USDA Foods Delivery* portion of the SNP application within MEGS+ to participate in the USDA Foods Program for **School Year 2020-2021**. When completing the SNP application within the View/Edit screen, the *Request for USDA Foods Delivery* form will be found under Program Forms. The deadline to choose to participate in the USDA Foods Program is October 15, 2019. **The SFA consortium decision is then irrevocable for School Year 2020-2021**. The USDA Foods Consortia Services and Department of Defense (DoD) Services by Consortia have two documents that might assist you with making your consortium choice. For a copy of these documents, contact the School Nutrition Programs office by phone 517-241-5374 or email mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov. As a friendly reminder, your SFA already selected its consortium choice for School Year 2019-2020 within the School Year 2018-2019 MEGS+ SNP application and food ordering for the upcoming school year has already begun. If you have questions, please contact Jaime Malnar at MalnarJ1@michigan.gov or 517-241-5348.

School Meals Overview Training (SMOT)

This comprehensive training is for School Food Authorities (SFAs) and Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCIs) and will cover items that staff must know to provide quality meals that adhere to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines.

When: August 6, 7, and 8, 2019

Where: University Center at Gaylord

For further information and registration information, visit [SMOT Registration](#)

Note: There are no room blocks for hotels in Gaylord for the SMOT training, so you are encouraged to book your own lodging soon. Please keep in mind that this area is a popular summer destination and hotels may sell out.

Questions of the Week

Question: What type of funds can cover the costs of the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)?

Answer: Any revenue that is required to flow to the Non-profit School Food Service Account (NSFSA) can be used to cover the operational costs of operating in CEP (i.e., State Supplemental Monies like 31a, 31d and 31f, Non-program Revenues, Donations, etc.). Non-federal funds like the general fund, however, would be required to cover any deficit that remains in the fund should all the federal reimbursements and other sources of revenue be insufficient to break even in the NSFSA. More information can be found in the [SP 61-2016 CEP Eligibility Planning and Implementation Guidance](#)^{iv} on pages 34-35. Additional information can also be found in [USDA Memo SP 54-2016](#)^v Community Eligibility Provision: Guidance and Updated Q&As.

Question: What type of funds can cover the costs of offering Universal Free Breakfast?

Answer: Under the Universal Free Breakfast program, while all students may eat for free, the reduced-price and paid meal “prices” for every breakfast served to reduced-price and paid eligible students does need to be covered by non-federal funds outside of the NSFSA. Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is the best option (when it makes sense) in order to allow students to eat for free without the requirement to cover the reduced-price and paid meal prices with non-federal funds outside of the NSFSA (i.e., General Fund or donations). With Universal Free Breakfast, the School Food Authority (SFA) will need to track and document that the NSFSA received the full reduced-price and paid breakfast meal prices established for each reduced-price and paid eligible breakfast served throughout the school year.

An SFA could adopt the discretionary elimination of the reduced meal price (see [USDA Memo SP 17-2014](#)^{vi}) and by doing so would be allowed to absorb the reduced-price meal price in the NSFSA. If an SFA chooses to adopt the discretionary elimination of the reduced-price meal price they must document the starting point of when the reduced-price meal price was eliminated. Reduced-price meals must still be claimed at their reduced-price eligible status, though reduced-price students are “charged” a \$0.00 meal price.

Question: What type of funds can cover the cost of eliminating the Reduced-Price Meal Category?

Answer: Provided it makes financial sense for the SFA, eliminating the reduced-price meal price is an allowable way to absorb the meal “price” within the NSFSA. Reduced-price meals must still be claimed at their reduced-price eligible status, though students are “charged” a \$0.00 meal price.

No other funds would be required to be contributed from outside the NSFSA, unless the fund operated at a deficit (see [USDA Memo SP 17-2014](#)).

For questions regarding allowable funding sources for Universal Free Breakfast and/or the Community Eligibility Provision, please feel free to contact our Fiscal Monitoring Team at MDE-Fiscal@michigan.gov or 517-241-5348.

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email: info@michiganallianceforfamilies.org, visit www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org, or call us at 1-800-552-4821.

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

ⁱⁱ<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=minutritiontraining%40gmail.com&ctz=America%2FDetroit>

ⁱⁱⁱhttps://mdoe.state.mi.us/MEGSPlus/Login2.aspx?APPTHEME=MIMDE_MEGSPLUS&ReturnURL=/mogsplus/

^{iv}<https://www.fns.usda.gov/fall-2016-edition-community-eligibility-provision-planning-and-implementation-guidance>

^v<https://www.fns.usda.gov/search?keywords=sp54-2016>

^{vi}<https://www.fns.usda.gov/search?keywords=sp17-2014>