



Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) Bulletin

Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) Bulletin No. 14 - Important Updates for Public Schools Participating in the Michigan School Meals (MSM) Program and National School Lunch Week (NSLW) - October 15, 2025

30d MSM State Aid Payment Schedule

The 30d MSM payment schedule has been changed to allow for additional processing time. Please see the revised schedule below. The September 2025 claims are due by October 24, 2025, for these claims to be in the November 20, 2025, payment.

Claim Month	Due Date for State Aid Payment*	State Aid Payment Date	Final Federal and State Claim Deadline **
September 2025	October 24, 2025	November 20, 2025	November 30, 2025
October 2025	November 24, 2025	December 22, 2025	December 30, 2025
November 2025	December 23, 2025	January 20, 2026	January 29, 2026
December 2025	January 24, 2026	February 20, 2026	March 1, 2026

January 2026	February 24, 2026	March 20, 2026	April 1, 2026
February 2026	March 24, 2026	April 20, 2026	April 29, 2026
March 2026	April 24, 2026	May 20, 2026	May 30, 2026
April 2026	May 24, 2026	June 22, 2026	June 29, 2026
May 2026	June 24, 2026	July 20, 2026	July 30, 2026
June 2026	July 24, 2026	August 20, 2026	August 29, 2026
July 2026	August 24, 2026	October 20, 2026	September 29, 2026

*To be received in that month, otherwise it will be paid the following month.

** Last date to submit monthly claim before considered late.

MSM Coding for School Year 2025-2026

School Nutrition Program (SNP) accounting and coding for School Year 2025-2026 follows the traditional National School Lunch Program (NSLP) coding. However, as a reminder, with the addition of MSM (30d funding) there is also state grant coding needed for breakfast and lunch. Our coding chart is updated and available on our Fiscal and Administrative Services Team [Fiscal Reporting](#) webpage.

Reimbursement for Meals from October 1, 2025, through October 7, 2025

If your district charged reduced-price and paid eligible students for meals October 1, 2025, through October 7, 2025, you must have documentation on file for the following:

- That meal payments were credited to student accounts or refunded to families. The credits can be used for future a la carte purchases.
- Any student meal debt has been addressed appropriately. This is necessary for participation in the MSM program. More details can be found in the resource [Student Meal Debt Write Off Information](#).

If you have specific questions related to your program status or funding sources for meals between October 1, 2025, and October 7, 2025, please email MDE-Fiscal@Michigan.gov for support.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Schools and Education Benefit Forms

For the rest of the 2025-2026 school year, CEP schools must only use [Education Benefits Forms](#) for determining student income eligibility. [Education and Nutrition Benefits Applications](#) should only be used for non-CEP (traditional claim) schools.

However, in the case of a CEP school where preschool meals and snacks are claimed through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) those must be claimed by free, reduced-price, and paid status. Therefore, sponsors must collect [Education and Nutrition Benefits Applications](#) for preschool students eating CACFP meals and snacks (not the CEP Education Benefit Forms).

Preschool Meals Claimed in the MSM

The Office of Nutrition Services (ONS) has updated the memo titled [Frequently Asked Questions Related to MSM for Preschool Programs](#). The memo clarifies that 3- and 4-year-old age preschool children may have their meals reimbursed through the NSLP and MSM.

A new joint memo between MDE and the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP) [clarifies family style meals](#). The memo is for school food service staff and school business officials.

MSM Comparison Chart Updated

SNP has updated the [Michigan School Meals Comparison Chart](#) resource and it is available on our webpage.

Additional Language in the Fiscal Year 2026 State School Aid Budget Section 30d

The Office of Nutrition Services (ONS) values the inclusion of Michigan grown produce in all our Child Nutrition Programs. We thank those sponsors that have made it a priority to offer Michigan grown fruits, vegetables, and beans in your meals. The final signed Fiscal Year 2026 State School Aid Budget included the following new language in Section 30d *Participating sponsors are encouraged to purchase food from Michigan growers when possible and practical*. We appreciate the additional language and encourage all sponsors to make Michigan produce a priority.

National School Lunch Week

Governor Gretchen Whitmer has [declared the week of October 13-17, 2025, as National School Lunch Week \(NSLW\) in Michigan](#). The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) asks school districts, educators, and students statewide to join in celebrating the importance of healthy meals for students. In School Year 2024-

2025, Michigan school nutrition professionals served more than 222 million meals.

The work that all school nutrition professionals do across the state is truly priceless. NSLW is a great time for students and staff to celebrate and showcase the importance of lunch at school. We hope you can celebrate with your staff and students. MDE would love to see pictures of those celebrations. Please email any photos that you would like to share to MDE-SchoolNutrition@Michigan.gov.

This year, the ONS continued [the tradition of showcasing staff having school lunch with family and friends](#). We hope you enjoy the pictures as much as our team enjoyed the experience.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the SNP team at MDE-SchoolNutrition@Michigan.gov.

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