



## **Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) News and Updates**

**August 19, 2021**

### **Food Service Administrative Memo No. 1 School Year 2021-2022**

For information on meal, snack, and milk reimbursement rates for School Food Authorities participating in the Normal National School Lunch Program (NSLP) for School Year 2021-2022, visit [School Nutrition Program \(SNP\) Reimbursement Rates](#).

For the school year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, school food authorities operating the NSLP Seamless Summer Option (SSO) under Food and Nutrition Service issued nationwide waivers #85 and #86 may receive the reimbursement rates prescribed for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) in lieu of the reimbursement rates established in this notice. The SFSP rates are \$2.4625 for Breakfast, and \$4.3175 for Lunch, through December 31, 2021.

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## Upcoming Events

### Town Hall Meetings

**Topic:** Town Hall Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021

**Time:** 2:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84733307064?pwd=Tk9jNXdOUTBDWVBjQ1ZuTGFwRDVyUT09>

Password: 014491

Or Telephone:

Dial: USA 404 443 6397  
USA 8773361831 (US Toll Free)  
Conference code: 806533

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### Town Hall Meetings

**Topic:** Town Hall Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021

**Time:** 2:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82080781512?pwd=SEVSQ1A5ZzRITmNOQ1ozLzl4MndLZz09>

Password: 250904

Or Telephone:

Dial: USA 404 443 6397  
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## Grant Opportunities

### SLP2022 NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant Coming Soon

The 2021 Agriculture Appropriations Act authorized funds that allow MDE to competitively award Equipment Assistance Grants (EAG) to eligible School Food Authorities (SFAs) participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or the NSLP Seamless Summer Option (SSO). The department received over \$700,000 in federal funds for distribution to SFAs.

### Who Can Apply?

Any SFA participating in the NSLP or NSLP SSO including:

- Public School Districts,
- Public School Academies,
- Intermediate School Districts,
- Nonpublic School Districts, and
- Residential Child Care Institutions

**The grant application will open in NexSys.** In order to complete the grant application when it opens, users must create a MILogin for Third Party account and link that account to their current MEIS account.

This is a requirement and is the first step in the transition to the new system. If you have not done this already, please do so as soon as possible using the [Creating a MILogin for Third Party Account](#) on how to complete.

By getting this step done now, you will be prepared to complete the EAG when it becomes available in NexSys. SFAs will not be able to access or submit their EAG application until this step is completed.

A special bulletin will be sent out as soon as the application officially opens.

For further information, contact [MDE-Fiscal@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-Fiscal@michigan.gov).

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**Updates, Guidance, and Regulation Information from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Services**

## **Master the Professional Standards Training Tracking Tool (PSTTT)!**

**Date:** Wednesday, August 25, 2021

**Time:** 2:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

### **Meet the Webinar Speakers:**

Kaushalya Heendeniya, Nutritionist, USDA Food and Nutrition Service

Ebony James, Nutritionist, USDA Food and Nutrition Service

Rebecca Maclsaac, Nutritionist, USDA Food and Nutrition Service

**Target Audience:** All School Nutrition Professionals (School Staff, State Agency Staff), FNS National Office Staff, and Regional Office Staff

Team Nutrition is excited to present the latest enhancements to the Professional Standards Training Tracker Tool (PSTTT). Since the PSTTT was first released in November 2017, Team Nutrition has continuously worked to incorporate feedback to streamline the user experience. This webinar will showcase the latest enhancements, such as:

- Updated Welcome dashboard where you can access your own certificates and training history
- Optional employee identification numbers that can be added to employee profiles
- Training duration logged in increments of 5 minutes
- Additional manager/director role features:
  - Deactivating employees
  - Managing schools within their district
  - Including employees with no logged training in Summary Report
  - Editing district information
  - Creating new district
  - Requesting enhanced access if responsible for managing multiple districts, including districts in different states
  - Uploading multiple new training titles and their training information at one time to be included on the PSTTT training list

Join us for a live demonstration of the PSTTT, as well as an overview of the Professional Standards resources. Participants will learn about the benefits of using the PSTTT and these new features which allow directors, managers and staff to prepare for the 2021-2022 school year!

**You don't want to miss this webinar. [Sign up now!](#)**

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.

### **Professional Standards Learning Objectives:**

Key Area: 3000 (Administration)

Training Topic: 3400 (Human Resources); 3200 Program Management

Learning Objective: 3430 (Develop and track employee training plans), 3210 (Staff Management)

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### **New Professional Standards Resources are now available from Team Nutrition!**

A number of resources pertaining to Professional Standards for School Nutrition Professionals were recently updated. These include:

- [Professional Standards Summary of Updates Flyer](#) (online)
- The [Guide to Professional Standards for School Nutrition Programs](#) (online and coming soon in print)
- The [Professional Standards Training Reward Badges](#) packet (online and coming soon in print)
- The Team Nutrition Professional Standards Resources [webpage](#)

The revised [Professional Standards Summary of Updates Flyer](#) provides an overview of the Professional Standards requirements which consist of hiring standards and annual training requirements for school nutrition professionals. This revised version includes the hiring flexibilities established in 2019.

The [Guide to Professional Standards for School Nutrition Programs](#) was revised and released online in December and will be available later this fall to order in print. The Guide is a central resource that comprehensively outlines the required USDA Professional Standards for State and local school nutrition program professionals

who manage and operate the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP).

The updated guide introduces [training reward badges](#) – a fun way to promote training and recognize staff who have completed their annual training requirements. Sticker pages of the training reward badges are included with the printed version of the guide. Program operators may also obtain additional reward badges sticker pages by ordering the Professional Standards Training Reward Badges packet (FNS 303A) which will be available later this fall.

Team Nutrition's new [Professional Standards Resources webpage](#) is a central location for school nutrition professionals to access various resources related to Professional Standards.

Webpage content includes:

- *Guide to Professional Standards for School Nutrition Programs (updated)*
- *Professional Standards Training Reward Badges packet (new)*
- *Professional Standards Summary of Updates Flyer (updated)*
- Professional Standards Training Database
- Professional Standards Training Tracker Tool (PSTTT)
- PSTTT Brochure
- Two recorded webinars for the PSTTT

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## **Spread the Word! CACFP Meals for Young People Experiencing Homelessness**

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) normally provide meals and snacks to young people 18 or under in emergency shelters and at-risk centers. The American Rescue Plan Act now allows emergency shelters and at-risk centers that are operated by emergency shelters to claim CACFP reimbursement for meals and snacks served to young people under age 25. USDA issued implementation guidance and a set of questions and answers, both of which can be found on our website at [USDA Policy Guidance: CACFP 08-2021, CACFP 12-2021](#). The Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) cohosted a webinar with Schoolhouse Connection, Feeding America, and USDA to share policy information and outreach strategies for emergency shelters to participate in CACFP. You can find a recording of the webinar, [New USDA Resources for Shelters Feeding Youth and Families Experiencing Homelessness - YouTube](#), to learn more. FRAC has also put together a toolkit, [CACFP in Shelters Serving Children and Youth Under 25 Experiencing Homelessness](#), with communication information to help connect State agencies and

sponsoring organizations with child, youth, maternal, and family shelters that are potentially eligible for CACFP. Please check out all of these resources and spread the word!

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## Reminders and Due Dates

**YOU WILL BE LOCKED OUT IF YOU DO NOT DO THIS!**

### Linking MILogin and MEIS

We want to remind everyone about the messages coming through MEGS+ requesting users to create a MILogin for Third Party account and link that account to their current MEIS account.

This is a requirement and the first step in the transition to our new system, NexSys. If you haven't done this already, please do so as soon as possible. [Instructions](#) on how to complete this are available.

By getting this step done now, it will save time and added stress when users are finally required to access and work in NexSys

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## Training Corner

### Meal Pattern and Component Tool Refresher

The staff of the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) School Nutrition Programs unit is pleased to announce a hands-on, activity-based virtual workshop for school nutrition professionals. This workshop is targeted to food service staff and will provide active sessions where participants can interact with MDE staff.

The workshop consists of a half-day session and will cover nutrition related information for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). There is no cost for the workshop. Group activities will provide the opportunity to save information that can be used in your operation.

**When:** September 22, 2021 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

September 28, 2021 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Registration for the training is required. For further information and registration information, visit [Meal Pattern and Component Tool Refresher](#).

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## Michigan Nutrition Training Calendar

During this time of necessary social distancing, it is very important for the field to have access to all the virtual trainings available to them, to help them continue to do their jobs. If you are offering an online/virtual training, please fill out and submit this questionnaire: [I want my training added to the Michigan Nutrition Training Calendar](#). Be sure to fill out ALL of the information including NA if the question does not apply. Trainings cannot be added to the calendar without the complete information.

Please visit the [Michigan Nutrition Training Calendar](#), a one-stop-shop calendar that lists child nutrition trainings across the state. The more trainings listed, the better the calendar will be for our Child Nutrition Programs!

If you have questions, contact [MDE-MINutritionTraining@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-MINutritionTraining@michigan.gov).

[How to Access the Michigan Nutrition Training Calendar](#).



## Frequently Asked Questions

**Question:** Does my school district have to offer an open site with curbside meals or another type of non-congregate meal service?

**Answer:** No, it is a local decision to have an open site.

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**Question:** Can I claim prek meals under Seamless Summer Option (SSO)?

**Answer:** [Administrative Memo No. 9](#) from SY 17/18 provides guidance on when it is appropriate for a School Food Authority (SFA) to claim meals served to PreK children under the NSLP/SBP/SSO vs the CACFP. The SFA that is approved to participate in the NSLP/SBP/SSO is eligible to claim meals served to PreK children only when the following are met:

1. The PreK student is enrolled in the school building where the meals are served.
2. The school district is the administrative agency/grantee for the PreK program.

PreK programs that are administered by a community-based program and may be housed in a school district or off-site cannot be claimed under NSLP/SBP/SSO. The meals for these children must be claimed under



CACFP. The school food service program may continue to prepare and sell the meals to the community-based sponsor but must not claim the meals. This would also include providing meals to an external day care site.

This guidance applies to all PreK sites regardless if the site they are housed in is an open or closed site. In addition, ALL PreK meals, whether they are claimed under SSO or CACFP, must follow the CACFP/PreK Meal Pattern.

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**Question:** What are the site type selections for SSO and how do I choose what type each school is?

**Answer:** There are three SSO site types.

- Open: A site that provides meals to all children 18 and younger even if the children are not enrolled in the district. In addition, individuals up to age 26 that meet the state agency's definition of mentally and physically disabled may receive meals under SSO. Open sites must make meals available to anyone in the community that meets these definitions and must also have a program integrity plan in place to ensure duplicate meals are not distributed to children attending in person school and receiving meals on-site.
  - Open-Restricted: A site that meets the same criteria as an open site, but is restricted for safety, control, or security reasons. Open-Restricted sites feed enrolled students and their siblings (not yet in school).
  - Closed-Enrolled: Meals are provided only to children enrolled in the school.
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**Question:** We plan to serve meals to only students enrolled in the school. What type of site should I select?

**Answer:** Closed-enrolled: Closed enrolled sites only provide meals to the children enrolled in that school. If a school wants to serve siblings of enrolled students as well, open-restricted should be selected.

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**Question:** Can I distribute meals to students from a virtual academy (not enrolled in a NSLP/SSO eligible school) at one of my schools that is closed-enrolled or open-restricted?

**Answer:** No, students enrolled in a non-brick and mortar school building (not eligible for NSLP/SSO) can receive meals at an open site only.

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## Contact Us

Email: [MDE-SchoolNutrition@Michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-SchoolNutrition@Michigan.gov)

Nutrition Gateway: The Michigan Department of Education [Nutrition Gateway](#) provides Child Nutrition Program (CNP) agencies a singular system to access annual CNP applications (MEGSplus), monthly claims (MIND) and periodic administrative reviews (GEMS/MARS) through an integrated dashboard and portal.

If you or someone you know is interested in receiving the Child Nutrition Programs News and Updates and Bulletins, visit [Child Nutrition Programs News and Updates Subscription](#).

## Support

### [School Nutrition Programs](#)

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Email: MDE-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov

### [Summer Food Service Program](#)

[www.michigan.gov/sfsp](http://www.michigan.gov/sfsp)  
Email: mde-sfsp@michigan.gov

### [Child and Adult Care Food Program](#)

[www.michigan.gov/cacfp](http://www.michigan.gov/cacfp)  
Email: mde-cnap-cacfp@michigan.gov

### [Food Distribution](#)

[www.michigan.gov/mde-fdp](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-fdp)  
Email: [mde-fmfd@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-fmfd@michigan.gov)

### [Fiscal and Administrative Services](#)

[www.michigan.gov/mde-fast](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-fast)  
Email: MDE-Fiscal@michigan.gov

### [Procurement and Contracts](#)

[www.michigan.gov/mde-foodservicecontracts](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-foodservicecontracts)  
Email: mde-fsmc-vended@michigan.gov

### [School Health and Safety](#)

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1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
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