



Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) News from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE)

October 11, 2024

Reminder: Request for United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Foods Delivery

School Food Authorities (SFAs) must complete the **Request for USDA Foods Delivery** portion of their Child Nutrition Coordinated Application within NexSys each year to receive USDA Foods in Schools. The application contains a section where SFAs will select the USDA Foods purchasing consortium they wish to join to receive their USDA Foods. The deadline to complete this portion of the application is **October 15, 2024**.

Once SFAs have certified their application, the USDA Foods delivery decision is then irrevocable for the 2025-2026 school year. As a reminder, USDA Foods are ordered and procured a year in advance, so your USDA Foods Consortium choice is also made a year prior. If you need assistance making a selection, all USDA Foods and Consortia info can be found at our website here: [USDA Foods \(michigan.gov\)](https://www.usdafoods.michigan.gov).

Michigan Apple Crunch 2024

Each year, thousands of children and adults across Michigan crunch into a Michigan-grown apple as part of the Michigan Apple Crunch. The Crunch is an annual event hosted by [Michigan State University Extension](https://www.maec.msu.edu) and the [Michigan Farm to Institution Network](https://www.michiganfarmtoinstitutionnetwork.org). This year, the official Crunch date is **Thursday, October 17**, though participants are encouraged to crunch anytime during the month of October that works for them.

Sign up to crunch with your K-12 school, early care and education site, homeschool group, workplace, family, or organization. [Register your crunch](#) to help us reach our goal of 350,000 crunches across the state this year. When you register, you'll receive a Crunch Guide with recipes, lesson ideas, and tips for sourcing Michigan Apples.

Reminder About Local Wellness Policy Triennial Assessment

In Administrative Reviews last school year, there were many sponsors who had not completed the triennial assessment of their [Local Wellness Policy](#). This results in a finding. Every National School Lunch Program sponsor must complete a formal review of their Local Educational Agency (LEA) Local Wellness Policy every three years. There were waivers during the pandemic, but at this point, every sponsor should have completed at least one triennial assessment. If your school has not completed this formal assessment, schedule a committee meeting soon. An [online training module](#) is available for further information.

MDE-SNAM Annual Conference

The MDE-SNAM Annual Conference and Exhibit Show is November 7-10, 2024, at Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Acme, MI. This is a great opportunity for professional development, networking and fun. There are several Thursday pre-conference options available. Friday is focused on content from MDE for all Child Nutrition Programs. On Saturday, SNAM provides breakout sessions and an exhibit show. [Learn more and register](#) today!

Pre-Conference session for MDE-SNAM

Don't miss Bertrand Weber, Director, Culinary and Wellness Services, Minneapolis Public Schools, leading a conversation about how to prioritize local purchasing in your menus and overall purchasing plan. This interactive session will demonstrate menu planning and USDA foods purchasing strategies to make the most of your food dollars.

Do you wish you had more support and ideas for:

- Menu planning with local foods
 - Fitting in seasonally available produce
 - Scratch cooking, speed scratch cooking and where to start
- Cost management, including
 - Maximizing USDA donated foods
 - Menu balancing
 - How does 10 Cents a Meal fit?

- Local procurement
 - New final rule
 - Finding vendors
 - RFPs and forward contracting

This is a [pre-conference add on](#) opportunity from 9am – 12pm on Thursday, November 7.

2024-2025 Program Year for 10 Cents a Meal for Michigan's Kids and Farms

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is excited to announce the [list of grantees](#) for 10 Cents a Meal.

10 Cents A Meal for Michigan's Kids and Farms is an innovative state-funded program that matches what schools, early care and education sites, and other non-school sponsors spend on Michigan-grown fruits, vegetables, and dry beans with grants multiplying total meals served by 10 cents.

System Access Help

The Michigan Department of Education's Office of Nutrition Services is currently experiencing a transition with staff. Please be advised that responses to any system and/or access related questions may be delayed.

In the meantime, you may be able to find the answer(s) you need on our website.

- If you are unsure of what system you need access to, you can find a summary of each of the systems and what they do [HERE](#).
- If you need step by step instructions for getting access to a system, you can find instructions [HERE](#).
- You can find ALL of the system help documents [HERE](#).

The new mailbox for all system and access related questions is MDE-ONS-Access@michigan.gov.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday @ 2

Topic: FD: Internal Controls and Allowable Costs

Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Time: 2-2:30 pm

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82444745442>

Or Telephone:

USA 404-443-6397

USA 877-336-1831 (US Toll Free)

Conference Code: 806533

Town Hall

Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Time: 2-3 pm

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81220693412?pwd=Af7VBk0dDcDnpdSJyTAOlaihF4rdKU.1>

Or Telephone:

USA 214 765 0479

USA 8882780296 (US Toll Free)

Conference Code: 354950

Tuesday @ 2

Topic: Celebrate Farm to School Month

Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Time: 2-2:30 pm

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81363727618>

Or Telephone:

USA 404-443-6397

USA 877-336-1831 (US Toll Free)

Conference Code: 806533

Tuesday @ 2

Topic: FAST: Claims & Payments

Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2024

Time: 2-2:30 pm

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87268603020>

Or Telephone:
USA 404-443-6397
USA 877-336-1831 (US Toll Free)
Conference Code: 806533

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

The Revised Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs

The [Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs](#) (FBG) has been revised to reflect the Final Rule, "[Child Nutrition Programs: Meal Patterns Consistent With the 2020–2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans.](#)" In addition, USDA continues to conduct yield studies and has added 30 new foods to the FBG this year, including 17 traditional Indigenous foods. Recently added items include huckleberries, bison, canned steelhead trout, halibut, walleye, white perch, and whitefish.

This important resource assists Child Nutrition Program (CNP) operators, food manufacturers, and other stakeholders with purchasing the correct amounts of foods for CNP and determining the contribution that each food makes toward meal pattern requirements. The FBG is available as a Web Tool, Mobile App, and downloadable PDF.

The revised FBG is available to view and download in [English](#) on the Team Nutrition website.

Training Corner

Two School Meal Overview Workshops Offered

The staff of the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) School Nutrition Programs Unit is pleased to announce a hands-on, activity-based workshop for food service personnel titled "School Meals Overview Workshop." This training is targeted to several specific areas: menu development, recipes and labels, production records, meal component tool, cycle menus, application processing, counting and claiming, direct certification, and verification. The workshop will provide active sessions where food service personnel can interact with MDE staff to resolve any issues that would result in findings during an Administrative Review.

The workshop consists of two days – Day One will cover nutrition related information and Day Two will cover administrative information. There is no cost for the workshop and participants are welcome to come one or both days.

Dates: Tuesday, November 19, 2024, and Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Location: Administration Building, Portage Public Schools, 8107 Mustang Drive, Portage, MI 49002

Registration links for [Day 1](#) and [Day 2](#) (each day must be registered for separately)

Dates: Tuesday, January 14, 2025, and Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Location: Wayne RESA 33500 Van Born Rd, Wayne, MI 48184

Registration links for [Day 1](#) and [Day 2](#) (each day must be registered for separately)



Frequently Asked Questions

Question: I attended a Tuesday @ 2. How do I get a professional development certificate for it?

Answer: Email MDE-SchoolNutrition@michigan.gov with the date(s) of the session you attended and we will send it to you.

Question: My staff struggles with completing production records? Is there training available on this topic?

Answer: Yes, [Production Records](#) is one of the [MDE Online Training Modules](#) available. It is a brief training that will reinforce the importance of completing these important documents.

Contact Us

Email: MDE-SchoolNutrition@Michigan.gov

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](#).

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Food Distribution
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Email: mde-fmfd@michigan.gov

Fiscal and Administrative Services
www.michigan.gov/mde-fast
Email: MDE-Fiscal@michigan.gov

Summer Food Service Program

www.michigan.gov/sfsp

Email: mde-sfsp@michigan.gov

Child and Adult Care Food Program

www.michigan.gov/cacfp

Email: mde-cacfp@michigan.gov

Procurement and Contracts

[www.michigan.gov/mde-](http://www.michigan.gov/mde-foodservicecontracts)

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School Health and Safety

www.michigan.gov/cshsp

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Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
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3. **email:**
Program.Intake@usda.gov

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