



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

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## SNP Claim in MIND 2.0

The Michigan Nutrition Data System (MIND 2.0) has been undergoing several upgrades, and our progress continues. Next in line to be overhauled is the School Nutrition Program (SNP) claims for National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program.

### What is changing?

MDE is excited to announce that the SNP claim is now available for the next school year in the new and improved MIND 2.0 system. Prior year claim information can be accessed via MIND Legacy, but all new claims must be entered in the new MIND 2.0 as shown below.

The screenshot displays the MIND Agency Dashboard. The top navigation bar includes 'YER Annual Collection', 'School Nutrition Program' (highlighted with a red box), 'Summer Food Service Program', 'Summer Camp Special Milk Program', 'Family Day Care Homes', and 'Mobile Backoffice'. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Home, MIND Legacy, Request Access, User Management, Agency Profile, Resources, Settings, Transmit Payments, Admin Tools, and 'Help' (highlighted with a red box). The main dashboard area is titled 'Dashboard' and features several data cards: 'MIND Claims and Reimbursement' (listing School Nutrition Program and Child and Adult Care Food Program - Centers), 'CNP Count Backoffice' (listing School Nutrition Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, and Summer Food Service Program), 'Agency Calendar' (showing a calendar for July 2025), 'MIND Annual Collections' (listing School Food Authority Verification Collection Report), 'NexSys Application Data' (listing various grant programs like NSLP, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, and 10 Cents a Meal), 'GEMS/MARS Agency Forms' (listing SFSP and Community Eligibility Provision forms), and 'GEMS/MARS Reviews' (listing SNP reviews).

## When are changes expected?

Beginning with the July 2025 claim, the School Nutrition Programs (SNP) claims will be available on this new platform.

## Resources and Training

Our team has created some training materials specific to these programs to assist you through the transition. See the following links for more information. These resources are intended to be used side-by-side as you enter your claim should you need assistance. On any page, clicking the **Help** button will take you to the resources for that page.

### School Nutrition Program (SNP) Resources:

- [SNP Claims Listing](#)
- [SNP Sponsor Summary](#)
- [SNP Claim Certification](#)
- [SNP Site Edit Page](#)
- [SNP Sponsor Payment Summary Report](#)

If you have any questions about these changes, please let us know. Send an email to [MDE-SchoolNutrition@Michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-SchoolNutrition@Michigan.gov). If you have any trouble accessing this or any other systems, contact us at [MDE-ONS-Access@Michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-ONS-Access@Michigan.gov).

## Buy American Provision Webinar

Join MDE for an informative webinar providing an overview of the Buy American Provision and the percentage cap on non-domestic food purchases that went into effect on July 1, 2025. It will also cover the Temporary Accommodation available to sponsors for the 2025-26 school year and the resources available to help sponsors with tracking their non-domestic purchases.

Buy American Provision Webinar - Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 11:00 AM

[Register here](#)

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## New Social Media Campaign: What's for Lunch?

MDE has started a new social media campaign that highlights the great lunches being served throughout our state. It highlights lunches being served in the National School Lunch Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, and the Summer Food Service Program. Get involved by showing off the great lunches being served. Please share your pictures and story by filling out the form at the link below. Pictures will be shared on [MDE's Facebook Page](#).

[What's For Lunch?](#)

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## Year End Reporting

### Get Ready for Fiscal Reporting School Districts!

School Year (SY) 2024-2025 has ended and that means it is time for year-end financial reporting. The Financial Information Database (FID) School Meals Report collection opens September 2, 2025, for Public School Districts, i.e. Local Education Agencies (LEA), Public School Academies (PSA), and Intermediate School Districts (ISD). Michigan Department of Education (MDE) recommends the following financial reporting resources related to food service.

### Accounting and Coding

[School Nutrition Program Coding SY24-25](#) - This chart gives accounting codes for Child Nutrition Programs within Food Service Fund 25 during School Year 2024-2025 running July 1st, 2024, through June 30th, 2025. Within the spreadsheet you will find components like Assistance Listing Number (ALN), grant codes and more.

For more specifics on accounting and coding, please see the [Michigan Public School Accounting Manual](#).

## **FID School Meals Report Coding and Submission**

[SY 2024-2025 FID School Meals Report Coding and Submission Tips](#)- This document is designed to assist School Food Authorities (SFAs) in coding Food Service funding throughout the school year and when completing the FID School Meals Report.

FID Opens: 9/2/2025

Closes: 11/3/2025

### **FID Adjustment Period**

During the FID adjustment period, approximately two weeks post close, SFAs with reporting errors (e.g. inaccurate cost per meal data, incorrect allocation, exceeding maximum allowable indirect cost limits, negative fund balance, etc.) will receive email notification. Prompt action is required to adjust and resubmit the FID School Meals Report within the short adjustment window. In addition, always review costs per meal for reasonableness before certifying to avoid an impact on State Supplemental Payments.

### **SY 2024-2025 Child Nutrition Program-Year End Report (CNP-YER) Coming Soon!**

The CNP-YER for School Year 2024-2025 is expected to open in the Michigan Nutrition Data (MiND) 2.0 System to collect your financial data on or around August 31. Sponsors will be notified if they are required to complete the CNP-YER.

Annually, MDE collects financial information from Non-public Schools and Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCIs) who participate in USDA Child Nutrition Programs on the CNP-YER. The financial information collected on this report is used to verify SFAs' compliance with MDE and USDA requirements when operating a Non-Profit Food Service Account (NFSA).

For all your Food Service accounting, coding, and fiscal reporting needs, explore our resources available on the [website](#). Contact us at [MDE-Fiscal@Michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-Fiscal@Michigan.gov).

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## **Paid Lunch Equity School Year 2025-2026**

The new PLE Tool and guidance are now available. Sponsors that participate in Michigan School Meals or are district-wide are exempt from these requirements. \*(pending official funding of Michigan School Meals for SY 2025-2026).

Nonpublic schools and public sponsors not enrolled in Michigan School Meals should review the [MDE Paid Lunch Equity Communication for SY 2025-2026](#) before completing the PLE Tool.

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# Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Updates

## Turnip the Beet Award 2024 Winners

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Turnip the Beet award recognizes sponsors within the Summer Food Service Program that go above and beyond program requirements to serve high-quality meals to children during the summer months. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) would like to congratulate the following award winners from Michigan for summer 2024.

**Gold:** Ann Arbor Public Schools, Bendle Public Schools, Boys and Girls Club of Muskegon Lakeshore, Coldwater Community Schools, Fenton Area Public Schools, Food Gatherers, The Monroe Family YMCA, YMCA of the Blue Water Area, and Zeeland Public Schools

**Silver:** Lake City Public Schools, Lapeer Community Schools, Montrose Community Schools, and Tri Cities Family YMCA

**Bronze:** Croswell Lexington Schools, and Food Bank of Eastern Michigan

Thank you for your continued support in creating nutritious meals for Michigan’s children. Schools and community sponsors play an important role in shaping healthy habits by providing nutritious meals. These sponsors are an inspiration, and MDE is excited for the future of these programs. For more information visit the [Turnip the Beet website](#).

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## SFSP Waivers

During periods of extreme heat or poor air quality, sponsors have the option to continue serving meals using the Excessive Heat Waiver and/or the Air Quality Waiver if needed. Please note, both the Heat Waiver and the Air Quality Waiver may only be used on days when the National Weather Service has issued a heat or air quality advisory in the area the site is located. These waivers are NOT intended to be filled out proactively or "just in case".

**Heat Waiver:** SFSP sponsors who serve meals at outdoor locations without a temperature-controlled alternative option may apply for an excessive heat waiver to operate as a non-congregate site on days when the National Weather Service has issued a heat advisory.

**Air Quality Waiver:** SFSP sponsors who serve meals at outdoor locations without an indoor alternative may apply for an air quality waiver to operate as a non-congregate site on days when the National Weather Service has issued an air quality alert.

These waivers can also be found on the [SFSP website](#).

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# 10 Cents a Meal for Michigan's Kids and Farms Updates and Reminders

## 2025-2026 Application and Trainings

The 2025-2026 10 Cents a Meal application is available in NexSys through **Wednesday, September 17, 2025**. The application **must be initiated and submitted by a level 5 NexSys user**.

Several in-person program and application training sessions are still available. All grantees are encouraged to attend a session. Applicants can bring their laptop for assistance with completing the application using the [2025-2026 Application Scoring Rubric](#) or just bring questions. Attendance is free; however, all attendees are required to register via the link(s) below.

- Mason/Ingham – August 7, 2025, 2-4pm (EST) [Register](#)
- Macomb - August 14, 2025, 2-4pm (EST) [Register](#)
- Flint – August 18, 2025, 2-4pm (EST) [Register](#)

For grantees unable to attend in-person, there will also be a recorded version of the training available in August 2025. When the recorded training is available, the Farm to Program team will send out notification.

A virtual walkthrough of the application process and the scoring rubric are available on the [How to Apply](#) page.

Looking for the annual program training required for the application? Please visit the [Training](#) page.

## Questions?

To learn more about 10 Cents a Meal, you can visit the [10 Cents a Meal](#) section of the Michigan Department of Education website and the [10 Cents a Meal](#) website managed by the communication and outreach partner for 10 Cents a Meal, Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities.

For questions about the 10 Cents a Meal program and application, please contact the Farm to Program team at [MDE-FarmtoProgram@Michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-FarmtoProgram@Michigan.gov).

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## Updated Special Diet Information

As of July 1, 2025, a registered dietitian is allowed to sign special diet statements for meal accommodations. MDE updated the [Special Diet Statement](#) to include this information. The guide "[Understanding Special Diet Accommodations for Child Nutrition Programs](#)" was also updated. A new [Dietary Preference form](#) and [Parent's Guide](#) are new resources. Sponsors

are not required to use MDE's forms, as long as the required content is included. All documents are posted on the Special Dietary Needs [Forms and Instructions](#) webpage.

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## **Sign Up for New Director Class**

Core Competencies for New Directors class registration is open for School Year (SY) 25-26. Have you been a food service director for two years or less? Then this is the class for you. Join us monthly, beginning August 2025 through May 2026, to gain basic School Meals program information, network with other new food service directors, and connect with MDE staff. [Register](#) today!

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## **SUN Bucks Michigan Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) Application is Available**

The SUN Bucks Michigan Summer EBT application is available through August 31, 2025. Michigan Summer EBT is a program to help families buy food for their school-aged children during the summer, receiving \$120 for each eligible child. Households with eligible children who attend a Community Eligibility Provision school must complete an application through [MI Bridges](#).

School administration and staff can send an email to [MDE-SEBT@Michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-SEBT@Michigan.gov) for more information. All families should be directed to contact the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services at [MDHHS-SEBT@Michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-SEBT@Michigan.gov).

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## **School Meal Overview Workshop Available**

Registration for the first School Meals Overview Workshop for the new school year is open. This hands-on, activity-based workshop covers menu development, recipes and labels, production records, meal component tool, 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: Thursday, October 16 and Friday, October 17, 2025

Location: United Dairy Industry of Michigan Office, 2163 Jolly Road, Okemos, MI 48864

Registration: [Day 1 - Greater Lansing - October 16, 2025](#) and [Day 2 - October 17, 2025](#)

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## Tuesday at 2 for School Year 2025-2026

Thirty-minute weekly trainings, called Tuesday at 2, will be back in the new school year. This year, registration is required so you will get a calendar appointment. Listed below are the first few. A complete list is on the [Tuesday at 2 website](#).

- August 26, 2025, Direct Certification – [Register here](#)
  - September 2, 2025, Civil Rights - [Register here](#)
  - September 9, 2025, Point of Service Meal Counting - [Register here](#)
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## Direct Certification Reminder

The Direct Certification Report is available for all school districts in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS). All participating schools in the National School Lunch Program **must** access the Direct Certification report at least three times per school year:

- at or around the beginning of the school year
- three months after the initial effort
- six months after the initial effort

It is the sponsoring School Food Authority's responsibility to make sure all students are receiving the correct benefits. This includes accessing the Direct Certification report.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) schools are required to run direct certification at least once a school year. However, it is best practice to run it more frequently to identify students for [Supplemental Nutrition Eligibility](#) in MSDS collections, to support students experiencing foster care, and calculating Identified Student Percentage for future CEP applications.

[Frequently Asked Questions for Direct Certification Requirements for Public and Non-public Schools Participating in the School Nutrition Programs in School Year 2025 - 2026](#) has additional information about direct certification basics, MSDS collections, nonpublic schools, and direct certification refresh dates.

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## Managing Food Waste

While food waste may seem inevitable, there are numerous ways to combat it that benefit the quality of meals, reduce food costs, and positively impact the environment and community. Learn solutions to reduce food waste in schools on the [SNP Managing Food Waste website](#).

Looking to engage students in mitigating food waste? The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) is hosting the following webinar in August:

**Webinar:** Catalyst Communities: Helping Catalyze Behavior Change In K-12 School Cafeterias Through Student Led Waste Audits, Projects & Experiential Learning

**Date:** August 13, 2025

**Time:** 11:00 AM Eastern Time

**Webinar Description:** Join us for this session to learn about strategies aimed at assisting schools in effectively engaging K-12 students, our future leaders, in composting initiatives. This session will help parents, teachers, school administrators, and community leaders alike on their journey to enhance awareness on ways we all can all assist with diverting organic waste from landfills through composting. It will also provide tips on how to mitigate contamination and establish an efficient, cost-effective organics management program in schools and the community. Hear from Sara Covatta with Lunch Rescue & Recycle, Katelyn Kiskstra with EcoStrategies, and Christine Lakatos with Hayes Elementary (part of Livonia Public Schools) to learn details on strategies to reduce waste and promote behavioral change within K-12 cafeterias.

**Registration:**

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_T2Ju6h3VQGCB2EZJFR\\_Qig#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_T2Ju6h3VQGCB2EZJFR_Qig#/registration)

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## New MIND 2.0 Dashboard and Features

If you have logged in to the Michigan Nutrition Data System (MIND 2.0) recently, you will notice a new look. The dashboard has been updated with relevant informational cards for the different programs or systems you participate in.

To access the claim sub-systems, simply click on “MIND Legacy” in the left menu bar. The user management and access request function has also been overhauled and is available from the left menu. Same functions, new location.

## Resources and Training

Our team has created some training materials to assist you through the transition. See the following links for more information.

- [MIND Dashboard - Help Page](#)
- [MIND Request Access - Help Page](#)
- [MIND User Management - Help Page](#)
- [MIND Year End Report - Help Page](#)

## System Access Help

If you have any trouble accessing this or any other system, contact us at [MDE-ONS-Access@Michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-ONS-Access@Michigan.gov). In the meantime:

- 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](#).

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

### **USDA Guidance and Policy**

The USDA FNS has released several policy memos related to school nutrition programs in recent months. Below is a recap and links to the policy memos.

[\*SP 13-2025 Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extension Act, 2025: Effect on Child Nutrition Programs\*](#) This memo provides guidance for the following three items: Crediting of Vegetables at Breakfast, Prohibition of the Use of Chicken and Seafood from China and Compliance with Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) Requirements.

[\*SP 14-2025 Offer versus Serve Flexibilities for the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program\*](#) This memo encourages schools to use the Offer versus Serve (OVS) flexibility at both lunch and breakfast for all grade levels to reduce food waste and enhance student choice.

[\*SP 15-2025 Enhancing Child Nutrition Program Meal Standards\*](#) This memo clarifies that if Michigan were to adopt stricter state nutrition standards than the federal standards, MDE could not withhold federal reimbursement for meals that meet the federal requirements, even if additional state requirements are not met.

[\*SP 17-2025 Reimbursement for Off-Site Meal Consumption\*](#) This memo clarifies when school nutrition program sponsors may claim reimbursement for meals consumed or served off site.

[\*SP 18-2025 Guidance on Fees for Electronic Payment Services in the School Meal Programs\*](#) This memo provides revised guidance for sponsors in the school meal programs regarding fees charged when families use electronic payment services to add money to school meal accounts. It also reminds sponsors that they must offer a free and accessible method for all families to add money to school meal accounts.

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## Updated Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Resources from Team Nutrition

Team Nutrition supports U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins' guiding principle to "Strengthen strategies to encourage healthy choices, healthy, outcomes, and healthy families."

Team Nutrition updated the following training resources for the CACFP:

- Serving Adult Participants in the CACFP:
  - CACFP Halftime Webinar Recording in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
  - Training Worksheet in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
  - Sample Meals for Adults Poster in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- Serve Tasty and Healthy Foods in the CACFP Sample Meals for Children 6-12 and 13-18 in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

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### New Food Yields Available

New food yields were added to the [Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs \(FBG\) Interactive Web-based Tool](#) and the [FBG Mobile App](#)! Program operators can use these Team Nutrition technical assistance resources to offer meals that meet the CACFP meal pattern requirements.

The following new foods are now available in the FBG: Crushed pineapple, pineapple chunks, pineapple tidbits, dried mangoes, açai puree, dragon fruit (pitaya), and chopped romaine lettuce.

Stay tuned for additional yield data releases coming soon. Explore the [Food Buying Guide](#) today!

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### Order Team Nutrition Materials in Print

State agencies, program operators, and sponsoring organizations that participate in USDA's Child Nutrition Programs can request free copies of [Team Nutrition materials](#), such as the resources below, while supplies last.

- [Make Today a Try-Day! Poster and Sticker Set](#)
- Team Nutrition Resource Catalog for CACFP and SFSP in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

Questions about this announcement may be sent to [TeamNutrition@USDA.gov](mailto:TeamNutrition@USDA.gov).

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## Contact Us

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### School Nutrition Programs

[www.Michigan.gov/SchoolNutrition](http://www.Michigan.gov/SchoolNutrition)  
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-CACFP@Michigan.gov

### Food Distribution

[www.Michigan.gov/MDE-FDP](http://www.Michigan.gov/MDE-FDP)  
Email: 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

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