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CACFP BULLETIN

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Revised Guidance Memo 11: Financial Management (CC and AR Only)

Guidance Memorandum 11: Financial Management has been updated to clarify requirements for School Food Authorities (SFAs) that participate in the CACFP. In addition, a new accordion tab has been added under GM 11, for School Food Authorities (SFA) Only, that includes the following resources:

- *In a Nutshell: SFAs Participating in the CACFP*: Explains SFA requirements for tracking CACFP revenue and expenses (note, all other CACFP

financial management requirements that must be followed by SFAs are explained in CACFP Guidance Memorandum 11).

- *WUFAR Code Resource* for public SFAs to identify Fund 50 codes to use for the CACFP and other FNS programs.

Find these updates on the [Guidance Memorandum \(GM\)](#) webpage. Share this information with your agency's financial staff and those responsible for purchasing supplies and recording CACFP expenditures. Contact Cari Muggenburg at cari.muggenburg@dpi.wi.gov with any questions.

Child Nutrition Programs: Meal Patterns Consistent With the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans (ALL)

On April 25, 2024, FNS published the final rule, [Child Nutrition Programs: Meal Patterns Consistent With the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans](#). This rule includes minor updates to the CACFP to better align Child Nutrition Program requirements.

Menu planning and operational flexibilities summarized below are available to CACFP operators on July 1, 2024; however, CACFP operators are not required to change menus or operations as a result of these provisions.

- Allows nuts and seeds to credit for the full meat/meat alternate component, removing the 50 percent crediting limit for nuts and seeds at breakfast, lunch, and supper.
- Allows sponsors, institutions, and facilities serving primarily American Indian participants to substitute vegetables to meet the grains requirement.
- Expands the geographic preference option to allow "locally grown," "locally raised," or "locally caught" as procurement specifications for unprocessed or minimally processed food items. For more information on this flexibility, consider attending the Partner Webinar (see below).

Additional provisions will be effective October 1, 2025. The DPI will provide more information on these provisions at a later date.

For a summary of the updates refer to the [Implementation Timeline for Updated Nutrition Requirements in CACFP & SFSP](#) website.

Partner Webinar on the Expanded Geographic Option in the Final Rule (ALL)

On Thursday, June 20, from 1:00 – 2:00 PM, USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Patrick Leahy Farm to School Team (USDA Farm to School

Team) will host a webinar for farm to school partners, including Child Nutrition Program (CNP) operators, on the expanded geographic preference option in the final rule, [Child Nutrition Programs: Meal Patterns Consistent With the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans](#). The final rule includes a small yet significant expansion of the geographic preference provision. Beginning July 1, 2024, the provision will permit CNP operators to use local as a specification when procuring unprocessed agricultural products. The USDA Farm to School Team will provide an overview to help farm to school partners share and learn about the expanded geographic preference option.

The registration link for the webinar can be found at:
https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_qHI2cl11THCBXLblzVc0iA



Cucumber Crunch (ALL)

Celebrate summer by participating in the Cucumber Crunch! This is a simple, celebratory event to promote local foods and farm to early care education. Pick any date this summer and have staff and children crunch into local cucumbers. If cucumbers are not available choose another local, in-season fruit or vegetable to crunch!

[Register your program for the Crunch!](#) Registrants will receive free stickers and a packet of cucumber seeds for registering on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Check out the new and updated resources available for the Crunch on our [Celebrate Summer](#) page! These include more detail on the Event, a Cucumber Press Release, new activity ideas to use for your Event and update recipes and resources to find local farmers/producers in your area.

Institute of Child Nutrition: Mealtime Memo Healthy Snack Ideas (ALL)

Healthy snacks taste delicious and fuel children's growing bodies, laying the foundation for a lifetime of healthy choices. This [Mealtime Memo](#) will explore practices to incorporate nutritious, fun, and creative snacks into menus.

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REMINDER: Claim Submission Deadlines: Federal regulations impose a claim submission deadline of 60 calendar days after the last day of the month for which the claim applies. For DPI's CACFP Claim Submission Deadlines visit [Claim Submission Deadlines](#).

Contact your [assigned CACFP consultant](#) with questions about the items in the bulletin, or other CACFP questions.

Do you have new staff working with the CACFP? Check out this resource [New Staff Responsibilities for CACFP](#).



Program Abbreviation Key

CC=Child Care
AR=At Risk
FDCH: Family Day Care Home
HS: Head Start
ES: Emergency Shelters
SO: Sponsoring Organizations
OS: Outside of School Hours Care
ADC: Adult Day Care
ALL: Applies to all types

The abbreviation key identifies each type of program in the CACFP. Each section above identifies who the information applies to when implementing the CACFP. If your type of program is not listed in a section, it does not apply.

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