



WISCONSIN SCHOOL NUTRITION IN A NUTSHELL

Residential Child Care Institutes (RCCIs)

Overview

General Information

- May participate in National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), Afterschool Snack Program (ASP), Wisconsin School Day Milk Program (WSDMP) for eligible students in grades Pk-5, and Special Milk Program (SMP) for eligible students who do not have access to any other United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) School Nutrition Programs.
- Required to comply with all USDA Child Nutrition Program regulations as found in 7CFR Part 210; however, areas of compliance may look different than a traditional school.
- Specific flexibility may be granted by USDA or WI-Department of Public Instruction (DPI)
- [Calendar of Requirements - RCCIs with Day Students](#)
- [Calendar of Requirement - RCCIs with Non-Day Students](#)

Exemptions and Non-Exemptions

RCCIs with non-day students (residing at the facility) and RCCIs with day students that are non-pricing and not obtaining eligibility information are exempt from:

- Free/Reduced Price (F/R) meal applications
- Direct Certification (DC)
- Verification (must still complete FNS-742-Verification Collection Report (VCR))
- Public Release
- Paid Lunch Equity Tool
- Unpaid Meal Charge Policy

Breakfast and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Outreach

- RCCIs with day students that are pricing or non-pricing but obtaining eligibility information are not exempt from USDA Child Nutrition Program requirements.

Menu Planning

RCCIs are required to follow certain meal pattern requirements based on the age/grade group of the student served. There are different weekly requirements based on the number of days your institution serves meals per week. Select from the options below.

- 5 Day: [Lunch](#), [Breakfast](#)
- 6 Day: [Lunch](#), [Breakfast](#)
- 7 Day: [Lunch](#), [Breakfast](#)

Meal Pattern Waivers

Due to the unique service style and needs of RCCIs, the following waivers are available to assist with meal service. To apply for these waivers your institution must meet the following criteria:

- Is a juvenile detention, correctional facility, or alternative school
- Have a legitimate safety concern or State juvenile justice laws or regulations related to offering meals with varying amounts of food within the same meal period:
 - [Meal Pattern Flexibility](#) – Allows the RCCI to offer the same meal pattern to all students regardless of their age/grade group. If approved, the RCCI must follow the meal pattern for the highest age/grade group served.
 - [Offer Versus Serve \(OVS\) Flexibility](#) – Allows the RCCI to waive the [Offer Versus Serve](#) requirement for students in grades 9-12.
 - [Milk Flexibility](#) – Allows the RCCI to offer a variety of milk over the course of the week rather than having to offer a variety of milk at each meal service.
- To request any or all of the above mentioned flexibilities, please complete the [Meal Pattern Flexibility form](#).

Point of Service (POS)

- POS must be after the student receives the meal.
- RCCIs can use an electronic system or manual counting procedures to count meals at the point of service.
- If using a manual check off sheet, we recommend using the following participation records for counting meals which include an edit check.
 - [Daily Participation Record with Edit Check](#) – For RCCIs without day students OR RCCIs with day students that are non-pricing and not obtaining eligibility information
 - [Daily Participation Record with Edit Check](#) – For RCCIs with day students that are claiming meals by eligibility

Meal Service & Claiming

RCCI may claim meals in the NSLP and the SBP on all days of the month where students are attending and receiving meals, including weekends.

- RCCIs may claim snacks in the Afterschool Snack Program (ASP) on school days, after the school day ends. Note: The ASP requires an enrichment activity is offered while snack is served
- RCCIs without day students claim all students in the free category for each participating program.
- Pricing RCCIs with day students that have eligibility information through DC, application, or other source eligibility, claim students in their prospective free, reduced price, or paid categories. Non-pricing RCCIs with day students claim all students in the paid category.
- The age limit for claiming meals in the USDA Child Nutrition Programs, for students enrolled in an RCCI, is 21 years of age

Resources

- DPI [RCCI Webpage](#)