

School Nutrition Bulletin 1718-1

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Happening Today!

“What's New with School Nutrition” Webinar

Today, September 12, marks the first live webinar of the 2017-18 school year. At 2:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month the School Nutrition Team (SNT) hosts these webinars as an opportunity to speak with our Wisconsin school nutrition professionals on current regulations, relevant reminders, and upcoming trainings. There is always an opportunity at the end to ask questions. During the September meeting, we will discuss memos that have been released by the USDA over the summer, the flavored milk exemption, whole-grain rich flexibility waiver, common questions about free and reduced applications, and we will promote upcoming Small Victories and Great Beginnings Academy trainings.

For detailed instructions on how to join these free webinars, please access our [What's New with School Nutrition](#) webpage.

Great Beginnings Academy

This is a one year training series for staff who are new to their management position in School Nutrition. Great Beginnings Academy helps new managers/directors get off to a great start while creating a network of supportive peers. The SNT explains program requirements while introducing you to available resources and future trainings. We will meet at the DPI offices in Madison in October 2017 and May 2018 for a day and a half of training during each session. To see the detailed schedule and to register, please access the [Upcoming Training Opportunities](#) section of School Nutrition Team Training webpage.

Reminder: Small Victories– Smarter Lunchroom – A Team Up Experience

This special SNT workshop consists of panel presentations and peer-to-peer mentorship to assist Food Service Directors (FSDs) develop goals and action plans that enhance the school food service operation. FSDs will learn from each other while addressing individual resource and training needs and take a plan of action back to their SFA. Other staff members will benefit from a separate session on how their role in incorporating Smarter Lunchrooms will increase participation and promote student satisfaction. Participants will be eligible to apply for grant funds to make your school nutrition program a “Smarter Lunchroom” school. Please register no later than the Friday prior to the session you plan to attend.

[REGISTER ONLINE](#) TODAY!

- Tuesday, September 26, 2017 - Menomonie High School
- Wednesday, September 27, 2017 - Ashland High School
- Thursday, September 28, 2017 - Wisconsin Rapids High School
- Tuesday, October 3, 2017 - Oconto Middle School

- Wednesday, October 4, 2017 - Mukwonago High School
- Monday, October 9, 2017 - Cuba City High School

Updated Meal Pattern for Pre-K and Childcare Programs Participating in the NSLP and SBP, Effective October 1, 2017

Do you serve meals to children in Pre-K or childcare programs under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program? Beginning on **October 1, 2017**, the updated Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) meal pattern will replace the current meal pattern options for SFAs serving infants or children ages 1-5 years old and not yet in kindergarten. SFAs that serve infants or children in these age groups will need to follow the updated CACFP meal pattern. The CACFP meal pattern requirements were updated to better align with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, as required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Please visit the [Infants and Preschool in the NSLP and SBP webpage](#) to view the slides and Q&A document from our recent training webinar.

Afterschool Snack Program

The Afterschool Snack Program (ASP) meal pattern will be changing slightly under CACFP, which affects ASP under NSLP. Changes go into effect October 1.

SFAs should be aware that:

1. The students participating in ASP that are 5 years old and younger but not in kindergarten yet, cannot take a flavored skim milk.
2. Sweetened yogurt cannot have more than 23g of sugar per 6 oz for any age group.
3. Breakfast cereals cannot contain more than 6g of sugar per 1 dry oz (no more than 21g of sugar per 100g of dry cereal) for any age group.
4. All grain products should be credited in ounce equivalents starting October 1, 2019. However, SFAs should already be used to doing this for NSLP and SBP menu crediting purposes.
5. Grain based desserts are unallowable - there will be a handout posted on the ASP website from CACFP explaining whole grains, and comparing grain based desserts versus allowable grain products.

Local Wellness Policy

The USDA Local Wellness Policy Final Rule includes requirements for the content of the wellness policy, wellness leadership, public involvement, updates, assessments, and documentation. The final rule requires all SFAs participating in the NSLP and/or SBP to be in full compliance of the requirements as of June 30, 2017. The final rule and wellness policy resources can be found on our [School Wellness Policy](#) webpage. To assist SFAs with evaluating their wellness policy, the Wisconsin Obesity Prevention Initiative reviewed all Wisconsin public school district local wellness policies. A copy of your district's evaluation report was sent to your district administrator. This evaluation can help you plan for the upcoming year and can be used as part of your district's triennial local wellness policy evaluation. To view statewide results, tools for policy improvement, and helpful content from policies across Wisconsin, visit the [Wisconsin Health Atlas' Local Wellness Policy Evaluation Project](#) webpage. To receive a copy of your district's report, email wihealthatlas@hslc.wisc.edu.

October is National Farm to School Month!

Start gearing up to celebrate National Farm to School month. Check out [USDA's Farm to School](#) webpage and the [National Farm to School Network's](#) webpage for some ideas on how to celebrate.

Ready to Crunch? 2017 Great Apple Crunch Registration Is Now OPEN!

Are you ready to Crunch? There's no time like RIGHT NOW to [register](#) your school district, school, early care center, or site of any kind for the Fourth Annual **Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch on Thursday, October 12th!** The Great Apple Crunch is a simple, celebratory event to celebrate National Farm to School Month and all of your great local food and nutrition education efforts. Join your friends in Wisconsin and across the region in

Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio, as we all crunch into local apples **at noon** on October 12th. It may feel like October is far away, but by registering now, you will get your “Crunch Guide” with plenty of time to start your Crunch planning, source your local apples, and be ready to go when school starts in the fall.

Last year you helped us reach our regional goal of ONE MILLION CRUNCHES, with 207,875 Crunches in Wisconsin alone! Let's set a **NEW GOAL** for this year...let's get more Crunches in Wisconsin than in any other state. [Register now](#) to get your copy of the updated Crunch Guide and stickers! This year STICKERS will be available for all Crunch participants (not just elementary students) who register early. And we have new Crunch Guides for specific audiences: K-12, ECE sites, and non-school Crunches.

Celebrate National School Lunch Week

National School Lunch Week 2017 will be celebrated October 9-13. Check out the [School Nutrition Association's](#) website for free downloadable tools to help you promote this year's theme, “School Lunch: Recipes for Success.”

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