

Introduction

The Department of Public Instruction School Nutrition Team (DPI-SNT) was awarded a U.S. Department of



Agriculture (USDA) grant to develop an innovative technology solution to provide administrative support to schools that participate in USDA's Child Nutrition Programs.

DPI's team of highly qualified and experienced professionals has focused on building a state-of-the-art system designed to help schools manage their school nutrition programs.

The main objective of the School Nutrition Accountability Software (SNACS) program is to align school staff with the technology and tools necessary to be more productive and efficient, ultimately leading to significant time and cost savings.

The system will also allow for more effective communication between DPI and participating schools related to the administrative aspects of the school nutrition programs.

Because it is web-based, users will have secure access to the no-cost system through DPI's website 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. School users will also benefit from the support of members of the DPI-SNT, who will be readily available to offer the technical assistance, guidance, and expertise needed to help school staff realize the full potential of the SNACS program.

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School Nutrition Accountability Software

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School Nutrition Accountability Software

features and benefits



Free of cost

Free for all districts and schools participating in the school nutrition programs in Wisconsin, including hassle-free maintenance, support, and updates in a timely manner.

Improve efficiency and cost savings

By automating many of the manual processes associated with the administration of the school nutrition programs, users will realize increased efficiency and productivity, ultimately resulting in valuable cost savings.

Comprehensive, web-based solution

Helps achieve compliance with program rules and regulations! Key features of this comprehensive, web-based solution include:

- Online free and reduced price meals applications
- Assistance with the application approval and direct certification processes
- Meal counting system to accurately capture daily meal counts and aid in compiling the monthly reimbursement claims
- Step-by-step guidance through the annual verification process and submission of the Verification Summary Report
- Automated letter generation capabilities
- Simplified reporting
- Dashboards and customized alerts for all users

Online free and reduced price meals applications

Simplifies the free and reduced price application process! Households can quickly and easily apply for free or reduced price meals online through a highly secure website that guides them through the application process. Applications will be available to school staff instantly upon submission, meaning applications can be processed immediately. The software assists school staff in the approval process, ensuring more accurate eligibility determinations.

USDA, State of Wisconsin, FERPA, and HIPAA Compliant

Compliant with USDA, State of Wisconsin, FERPA, and HIPAA rules and regulations, with flexibility to incorporate any required changes in the system at any time.

Efficient communication and real-time notifications/alerts

Real-time, efficient communication and notification between DPI and districts through use of system alerts and messaging features.

Integration with existing systems

Seamless integration with commonly-used existing software systems.

Wide range of reports

Easily analyze data and monitor program trends! The software features a wide variety of reports and graphs, which allow users to effortlessly view and evaluate system data. In addition, many of the required DPI and USDA reports can be submitted directly through the system.

Efficient tracking and retention of data

The intelligently and professionally designed system has the capability of maintaining data for up to 10 years, allowing users to quickly search program history.

Secure access

Encrypted login ID and password provides secure access to the system from any location on a 24/7 basis. Built-in authentication and authorization feature allows system users to access various modules and functions of the system based on their profile.

Data security

The system operates under a highly-secure and well-protected environment that is constantly monitored to assure the safety of sensitive information.