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Just Released: 2018-2019 USDA Income Eligibility Guidelines

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) annual adjustments to the Income Eligibility Guidelines to be used in determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals and free milk for the period from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 have been released. These guidelines are used by schools, institutions, and facilities participating in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), and Summer Food Service Program. The Income Eligibility Guidelines are located on the [SNT Free and Reduced Price Meal Applications and Eligibility webpage](https://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/national-school-lunch-program/free-reduced-applications) (<https://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/national-school-lunch-program/free-reduced-applications>).

Summer Training: School Nutrition Skills Development Courses (SNSDC)

On the [SNT Training webpage](https://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/training), you will find we have posted information regarding our annual summer trainings in July and August (<https://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/training>). The dates, locations, schedules, and class descriptions for SNSDC are available for your review and for planning purposes. Online **registration will open on May 15**. SNT will send a separate email notification that includes the registration link. We hope you find the new course offerings to be exciting and useful.

Reminder: Professional Standards Hiring Requirements

If there has been a recent change or if you anticipate a change in the School Nutrition Director position at your School Food Authority (SFA), please continue reading! According to the USDA Professional Standards Rule, each SFA must have a person designated as the “director” of the school nutrition program. Any director hired after July 1, 2015, must meet specific standards in education and/or past school nutrition experience and have completed at least 8 hours of food safety training.

Here are some frequently asked questions along with the answers.

Q1. How do I let the SNT know there has been a change to the School Nutrition Director position at my SFA?

A1. Please update your [online contract](#) so SNT has current contact information (<https://apps.dpi.wi.gov/WCNP/>).

Q2. How do I know if the School Nutrition Director I want to hire meets the hiring standards?

A2. Refer to the [In a "Nutshell": Professional Standards-Understanding USDA's Professional Standards Rule Effective July 1, 2015](#) document for guidance (<https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/pdf/professional-standards-in-a-nutshell.pdf>).

Q3. What if a new School Nutrition Director has been hired but does not meet the listed requirements?

A3. Contact SNT Assistant Director, Karrie Isaacson (karrie.isaacson@dpi.wi.gov), for advice and to find out if your SFA should complete a Request for Hiring Standards Exemption form.

Local Wellness Policy Evaluation Reports – Feedback Requested

Did you receive a copy of your Local Wellness Policy Evaluation Report? The Wisconsin Obesity Prevention Initiative (OPI) evaluated local wellness policies from public districts and private schools in 2016. The results of these evaluations were sent to districts in August 2017. OPI is looking to do another round of evaluation reports and would like your feedback. This [quick six question survey](#) will provide you the opportunity to shape new reports coming your way soon

(https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9EmthOGBqphLBrf&Q_JFE=0).

If you have not received a copy of your report, you can view interactive statewide wellness policy data and request your district's evaluation report at the [Wisconsin Health Atlas website](#) (<https://www.wihealthatlas.org/lwp>). These reports provide valuable information regarding how your policy compares with a model policy and can be used to help fulfill the triennial assessment requirement.

Reminder: Now Accepting Applications for the MyPlate Culinary Demonstration Subgrant

Wisconsin Team Nutrition is pleased to announce that funding is available for elementary schools to incorporate taste testing activities and nutrition education during the 2018-19 school year. The purpose of this grant is to broaden the food experiences and nutrition knowledge of Wisconsin students and encourage the consumption of vegetables from the dark green, red/orange, and bean/pea (legume) subgroups. Awarded schools will receive a chef-led culinary demonstration and funding to provide taste test samples of two recipes: Rainbow Carrot Crunch and Tropical Bean Salsa. Funds can be used to purchase food and supplies (e.g., plates, napkins, forks) for tasting and demonstration and pay for staff time associated with the purchasing, preparation, and service of taste test materials.

For more information about the subgrant opportunity, please refer to the application materials and recipes which can be found at the [Wisconsin Team Nutrition Training and Grant Opportunities webpage](https://dpi.wi.gov/team-nutrition/training-grants) (https://dpi.wi.gov/team-nutrition/training-grants).

Applications must be postmarked, faxed, or emailed by Thursday, June 7, 2018.

Applications postmarked or received (faxed, emailed) after that date MAY NOT be considered for funding. Multiple school sites within the SFA may apply to receive funding; however, separate applications for each site are required. If funding is insufficient to award all applicants, funding may be limited to one site per SFA.

If you have questions about the program, you may contact Alicia Dill (608-266-2741, alicia.dill@dpi.wi.gov) or Kelly Williams (608-267-9120, kelly.williams@dpi.wi.gov).

Upcoming CACFP Halftime Webinar on Methods for Healthy Cooking

On May 17, 2018, USDA's Team Nutrition initiative will present *Methods for Healthy Cooking*, the seventh webinar of the *CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays* series.

Registration for this free webinar is now available, using the following registration links:

- 1:00 PM CST to 1:30 PM CST **English Webinar:**
<https://cc.readytalk.com/r/9na2jqtrmiq&eom>
- 2:00 PM CST to 2:30 PM CST **Spanish Webinar:**
<https://cc.readytalk.com/r/dc9n7rnz782c&eom>

This upcoming *CACFP Halftime* webinar will focus on cooking nutritious meals and snacks using methods such as roasting, baking, steaming, sautéing, stir-frying, grilling and more. The webinar will discuss recipes for creating tasty meals that fit within the CACFP meal patterns while reflecting regional food preferences and flavors.

Attendees will have the opportunity to submit questions to the presenters and to check their knowledge through interactive polling questions. FNS Regional Offices, State agencies, sponsoring organizations, and CACFP program operators are invited to participate.

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Visit the [Professional Standards Training Database](https://professionalstandards.fns.usda.gov/) to find trainings on a number of school meal topics. Keep better record of the training you've taken using the updated Professional Standards Training Tracker Tool (https://professionalstandards.fns.usda.gov/)!



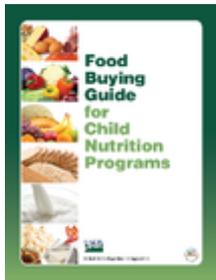
Learn more about Child Nutrition (CN) Labeled Products, which include a standardized food crediting statement on their product label. Check out our new [CN Label Manufacturers Report](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/cn/cnl_manufacturers.pdf) and [CN Label Verification Report](https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/cn/cnl_verificationreport.pdf) (https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/cn/cnl_manufacturers.pdf, https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/cn/cnl_verificationreport.pdf)



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Find USDA-approved software for [nutrient analysis](https://healthymeals.fns.usda.gov/menu-planning/nutrient-analysis-software-approved-usda/nutrient-analysis-software-approved-usda) in the school meals programs (https://healthymeals.fns.usda.gov/menu-planning/nutrient-analysis-software-approved-usda/nutrient-analysis-software-approved-usda).



Use the [Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs](https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/food-buying-guide-for-child-nutrition-programs) to help plan amounts of food needed for school meals. It's now available as a printable document, an app, and an interactive web-based tool (https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/food-buying-guide-for-child-nutrition-programs).

Reminder: HealthierUS School Challenge is Coming to an End

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service will be completing the HealthierUS School Challenge: Smarter Lunchrooms (HUSSC: SL) Award Program, effective December 31, 2018. There are several key dates to keep in mind:

- June 30, 2018: All applications are due to State agencies.
- July 1, 2018: USDA will no longer accept HUSSC applications for review.
- By September 30, 2018: State agencies must submit all reviewed applications to their respective FNS Regional Office.
- By December 31, 2018: Regional offices must submit all applications for consideration to the USDA FNS National Office to finalize. The USDA FNS National Office will do a final review and announce the final set of awards.

Please visit [Team Nutrition's HUSSC webpage](#) for more information about the phase-out, as well as other helpful information for schools that are in the process of applying, those

that have submitted applications, and those that have received awards
(<https://www.fns.usda.gov/hussc/healthierus-school-challenge-smarter-lunchrooms>).

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