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## USDA Eligibility Manual for School Meals for School Year 2018-19

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) **will not release** an updated Eligibility Manual for School Meals for School Year 2018-19. State agencies and program operators can continue to use the [2017 Edition of the Eligibility Manual](https://www.fns.usda.gov/2017-edition-eligibility-manual-school-meals) for the upcoming school year (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/2017-edition-eligibility-manual-school-meals>). Any new policies will be posted on the FNS [School Meals Policy Page](https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/policy), and will also be communicated to State agencies through the PartnerWeb (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/policy>). State agencies will distribute this information to program operators as they prepare for the upcoming school year.

## Deadline Approaching: Child Nutrition Program Online Contract Renewal

This is a reminder that school food authorities (SFAs) participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), Afterschool Snack Program (ASSP), and Special Milk Program (SMP) must renew their contracts online each year. This year, the website for the 2018-19 school year contract renewal process opened May 1, 2018. Please see attached [memorandum](https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/pdf/snt-mail-041018.pdf) for important changes and updates (<https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/pdf/snt-mail-041018.pdf>).

All contracts for the 2018-19 school year must be updated and submitted to DPI by May 31, 2018.

## Wisconsin Team Nutrition Culinary Training

Looking to learn or refresh your culinary skills? Wisconsin Team Nutrition is pleased to offer a culinary training on July 10, 2018, from 8-9:30 AM at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton. The goal of the training is to provide participants with culinary techniques that will help them prepare a wider variety of fresh fruits and vegetables. Specifically, the training will focus on knife skills and how to properly prepare a variety of ingredients, demonstration of recipes that incorporate the vegetable subgroups, and tips on how to conduct a successful taste test with your students. [Registration](#) is now open

([https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tH2qxRFsgAX-jzwdNpAF8qfskmugusnBwMdV3eLUfMA/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tH2qxRFsgAX-jzwdNpAF8qfskmugusnBwMdV3eLUfMA/viewform?edit_requested=true))!

## 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 posted on the [Wisconsin Team Nutrition Training and Grant Opportunities](https://dpi.wi.gov/team-nutrition/training-grants) webpage (<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](mailto:alicia.dill@dpi.wi.gov)) or Kelly Williams (608-267-9120, [kelly.williams@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:kelly.williams@dpi.wi.gov)).

## Update: USDA Demonstration Project for Direct Certification with Medicaid Data for Free and Reduced Price Meals

We recently worked with the Wisconsin Departments of Children and Families and Health Services to look at the number of additional students who were being certified for free and reduced price meals through matching with Medicaid data. The School Nutrition Team is excited to share with you that in Wisconsin, an additional 110,000 children were identified as eligible.

## Update: Direct Certification with Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (DC-FDPIR)

This is to inform you that although we had high hopes of getting DC-FDPIR up and running during this past school year, it did not happen. We will have this up and running for the 2018-19 school year.