

- Some examples of **allowable** food products include: Fluid milk and other dairy foods such as cheese and yogurt; fruits and vegetables (including 100% juice); grain products such as pasta and rice; meats (whole, pieces, or food items such as ground meats); meat alternates such as beans or legumes. Foods in a wide variety of minimal processing states (e.g., whole, cut, pureed, etc.) and/or forms (e.g., fresh, frozen, canned, dried, etc.). Domestic food products may be purchased with SCA funds, per the Buy American requirements. Milk purchases are a great way to use these SCA funds.
- Some examples of **unallowable** food products include: Foods that are significantly processed or prepared may not be purchased using SCA funds. Pre-made pizzas, baked goods such as breads, muffins, or crackers; pre-packaged sandwiches or meals; or other prepared and/or pre-cooked items such as chicken nuggets, that come ready-to-eat or that require no further preparation beyond heating. Non-domestic food products cannot be purchased with SCA funds.
- These funds may not be used for labor, supplies or administrative expenses.
- If your district has a contract with a Food Service Management Company (FSMC), the FSMC must provide an itemized invoice(s) in order for the district to have documentation that the SCA funds were used on allowable food items per the SCA funds requirement. The district is allowed to pay a portion of their FSMC invoice for minimally processed foods. These funds aren't just to be given to the FSMC.
- As a reminder, the SCA funds are only available for purchase of foods that support the NSLP/SBP meal service. They **cannot** be used for foods purchased as part of the Special Milk Program, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, the Summer Food Service Program, and/or the Child and Adult Care Food Program.
- Existing Buy American requirements must be followed and the limited exceptions to the Buy American provisions may not be used since all products purchased with SCA funds must be domestic.

Please reach out to the Child Nutrition Office or your Regional Child Nutrition Program Specialist if you have questions about these funds.