

# OSDE Child Nutrition Program

National School Lunch/Breakfast  
Program Updates

Zoom Meeting

September 18, 2023



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# SY 2023-24 NSLP Application is Open

- The SY 23-24 Renewal Application is now open and needs to be completed
- You **must insert** an FY 24 application first
- Staff/Visitor/Contract Meal Prices for SY 23-24

Breakfast - \$2.28

Lunch - \$4.70

Snack - \$1.17

# Back to Normal NSLP/SBP

- Free/Reduced-price meal applications must be taken unless you are approved for CEP or Provision 2 or 3, not in a base year
- You cannot require the completion of a Free/Reduced-Price meal application, it is strictly voluntary, and you may not withhold enrollment, class/bus schedules, grades and/or student records, etc. from a student for not completing a form
- The Economically Disadvantaged form does NOT take the place of the Free & Reduced-price meal application

# FFVP Application

- Emails/Letters to those that were awarded the FFVP Grant for SY 23-24 went out Friday
- We awarded to everyone that applied, 142 sites, from 44 districts at the rate of \$73.43 per student
- If anyone drops the FFVP their amount is reallocated to everyone, and we will send an email if this happens
- Questions about FFVP email [Rhonda.Stevenson@sde.ok.gov](mailto:Rhonda.Stevenson@sde.ok.gov)

# Severe Need Breakfast (SNB)

- SNB does not mean you are approved to serve breakfast free at your school site(s) or district
- SNB means you served 40% or more of your lunches free or at a reduced-price in the second preceding school year which would be SY 21-22
- SNB means you will receive a higher breakfast reimbursement (\$2.73) than those schools that don't qualify for SNB (\$2.28)

# Separation by Gender during the Meal Service

- USDA Memo SP 31-2015, Prohibits the separation by gender during the meal service
- The only reasons a school can separate by gender is if they are a;
  - Religious institutions operating under the dictates of the religion with which they are affiliated
  - Juvenile corrections facility
  - Facilities that fully separate by gender as part of their normal operations, all boys or all girl schools

# Does a student have to take a tray?

- No, a student does not have to take a tray at any meal service, nor can the school make them take a tray

# At- Risk Afterschool Program

- At-Risk Afterschool Program – We are using the bell schedule information you are submitting to Accreditation Department to determine that the proper number of hours are being met to participate in the At-Risk Afterschool Program
- At-Risk suppers or snacks must be served at the end of the school day or during any expanded learning time
- CACFP At-Risk application is open, this program runs on a Federal Fiscal Year, October 1 – September 30



# Supply Chain Assistance Funds Round 4

- USDA has issued another round of SCA funds
- Amount Oklahoma received - \$17,702,874.00
- These funds should be paid this week, if not they will be paid the week of September 25
- Only schools that “opted-out” last year will need to send anything to OSDE to “opt in” if they choose to

# SCA continued

- **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.

## SCA continued

- 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.
- 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.

# Equipment Grant FY 23

- Oklahoma was awarded \$416,646.00
- The grant will be opening on or around October 2, 2023, and will be applied for through the CARS system
- This year we are required to include private schools for this grant
- If a site has already been awarded equipment through the grant, they cannot get it unless everyone who applied received the grant and there was enough left over
- Look for emails through CARS very soon
- We are required by USDA to allow the private schools who participate in NSLP/SBP administered through DHS to be able to submit for the equipment grant. OSDE was to let them opt in last year, however, at that point it was too late in the process. DHS does not think any of their schools want participate, but we do have to make it available to them

# Concessions During the School Day

- Your district Wellness Policy **must** be followed as well as USDA Smart Snack Guidelines
- This includes teachers selling food items out of their classrooms, vending machines, concession stands and exempt fundraisers
- Only Smart Snack qualified foods can be served during the school day, this is from midnight on any given day when school is in session to 30 minutes past when the last bell rings

# Fundraiser Exemptions – Page C-138

- Fundraiser Exemptions - A school district that wishes to conduct fundraisers exempt from the Smart Snack rules must adopt a written policy which shall be board-approved and provide the following:
  - a. Each school site shall designate a Smart Snacks in School Exempt Fundraiser contact person who shall be responsible for maintaining up-to-date documentation regarding each fundraiser held at the school site. An example of the School Organization Fund-Raising Form can be found under Other Documents on the CARS System.
  - b. A limit of 30 exempt fundraisers per semester may be held at each school site. (Vending machines, snack shops, and student stores are all considered fundraisers.)

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- c. Exempt fundraisers are prohibited from taking place while meals are being served to students under the NSLP or the SBP and while after-school snacks are being served to students under the ASSP.
- d. The maximum duration of any individual exempt fundraiser shall be 14 fundraising days.
- e. For each individual exempt fundraiser, documentation must be kept on file at the school site showing:
  - (1) The school organization, activity, class, or other group that benefits from the fundraiser.
  - (2) The date(s) the fundraiser is conducted, with the duration not to exceed 14 fundraising days per semester.
- **Exempt fundraisers cannot be sold in competition with the school lunch, breakfast, or snack program**

# Final Integrity Rule

- We received a memo SP21-2023 with the final Integrity rule for all child nutrition programs
- Once we go through the changes, get clarification on certain items, we will relay the information to schools



# Upcoming Trainings

- **School Meal Patterns:** September 21st at 1:30 pm
- **Verification Process:** September 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm
- **Fresh Fruit & Vegetable (FFVP):** September 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm
  - This is required for anyone new participating in FFVP
  - The link will be sent to all who are selected for the FY2024 grant
- **Next School Program Call:** October 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm
- **Financial Management for Managers:** in-person training conducted by ICN
  - Training will be held in OKC on October 5<sup>th</sup> (*only day that has availability*)
  - ***Only SFA staff can attend. This is not for FSMC staff***

# YOUTUBE LINK

[https://youtu.be/l\\_8aakhVDt4](https://youtu.be/l_8aakhVDt4)