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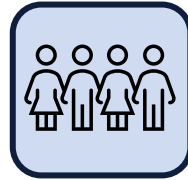
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Child Nutrition Programs

Overview of USDA School Nutrition Programs

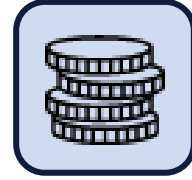
Objectives



USDA
SCHOOL MEAL
PROGRAMS



SPONSOR
RESPONSIBILITIES
& PROGRAM
REQUIREMENTS



REIMBURSEMENT

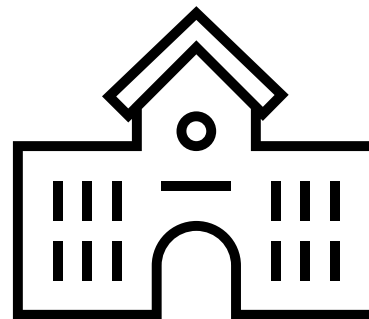
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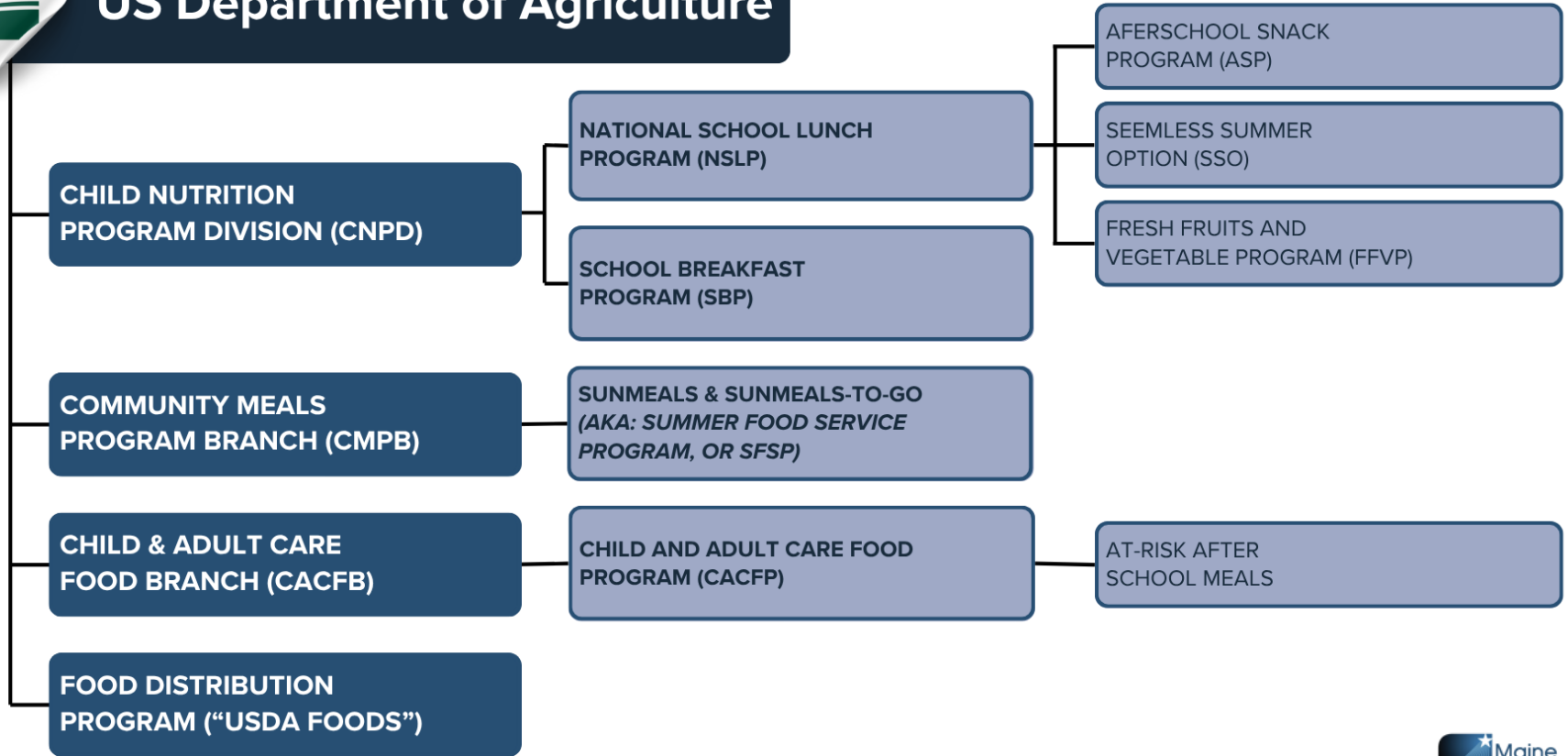




Goal: Ensure students have access to nutritious meals and snacks during the school year as well as during the summer months.



US Department of Agriculture





National School Lunch Program

- Offers meals to students during the school day (10:00-2:00)
- Nutrition standards & meal pattern requirements by grade groups
- One complete meal served to student/school day may be reimbursed



Fruits, vegetables, whole grains, meat/meat alternate (protein), & low-fat milk must be offered every day





School Breakfast Program

- Ensures students have a healthy start to the school day
- Nutrition standards and meal pattern requirements by grade groups
- One complete meal served to student/school day may be reimbursed



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Afterschool Snack Program

- For NSLP sponsors only
- Offered after the school day ends to school-sponsored enrichment programs
- Reimbursable snack is 2 different food components
 - Ex. 1 oz cereal and 8 oz milk
 - Ex. 1 oz crackers and 1 oz cheese





Fresh Fruit & Vegetables Program

- Offer fresh fruits/vegetables outside of meal service
- Nutrition education
- K-8 schools may apply
 - Competitive grant, preference given to higher F/R schools

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SunMeals & SunMeals-to-Go (“SFSP”)

- Offered in summer months when school is not in session
- Qualifying locations provide meals at no cost to children
- Follow the SFSP meal pattern

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Seamless Summer Option

- Offered in summer months when school is not in session & unanticipated closures
- Qualifying locations provide meals at no cost to children
- Follow the NSLP meal pattern
- Lower reimbursement rate than SFSP





Food Distribution Program (“USDA Foods”)

- Planned Assistance Level (PAL) - \$ Value
 - USDA Food
 - DOD Fresh
 - Net-Off Invoice (NOI)
- What is on your Annual Order?
- Participating in DOD Fresh? NOI?

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CACFP At-Risk Afterschool (“At-Risk”)


- Qualifying afterschool programs may serve a snack or a supper meal “super snack” at no charge to children
- At least 50% Free/Reduced eligibility and an afterschool enrichment program



Annual Agreement & Participation Packet

- Annual agreement between the SAU and the SA to participate in federal child nutrition programs
- Completed in CNPweb
- Approved by the State Agency prior to operation of meal service
- Sponsor agrees to:
 - Offer free and reduced-price meals to eligible students
 - Offer meals that meet meal pattern & other requirements
 - Operate a non-profit food service program
 - Not overtly identify or discriminate against any student


CNPweb


- Child Nutrition Software Program
 - All programs: SNP/FDP/CACFP/SFSP
 - Annual program agreement
 - Monthly Claim for reimbursement
 - Reports

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Sponsor Responsibilities



Follow federal and state regulations



Process eligibility for free & reduced-price meals



Accurately counting reimbursable meals for reimbursement



Plan & serve meals that meet federal meal pattern requirements

Sponsor Responsibilities



Food safety requirements

Food safety plan

Licensed kitchen

Certified food protection manager



Civil Rights & nondiscrimination



Professional standards



Policies

Wellness

Procurement

Sponsor Responsibilities



Procurement Regulations



Manage a non-profit food service program

Maine's “No Charge Meals”

	Federal Reimbursement Rate	State Reimbursement Rate	Total Reimbursement Rate
Free	\$4.54	\$0	\$4.54
Reduced	\$4.14	\$0.40	\$4.54
Paid	\$0.53	\$4.01	\$4.54

For Maine public, charter, 60/40 private, and special purpose private schools that are NSLP sponsors

*Example uses SY2025 rates for schools that receive 9-cent PBR and >60% F/R price lunches (“severe need”)

Reimbursement for Student Meals

- Reimbursement = # of meals served (F/R/P) X reimbursement rate (F/R/P)
- No reimbursement for adult meals
- No reimbursement for second student meals
- No reimbursement for incomplete meals
- Meals must be tracked properly (accountability)
- Sponsor has up to 60 days to file a claim for reimbursement



Food Based Menu Planning & Reimbursable Meals

5 Food Components

1. Fruits
2. Vegetables
3. Grains
4. Meat/Meat Alternate
5. Milk



Reimbursable Meal – a single meal unit that offers all of the USDA daily required meal pattern components for the grade group being served, in the minimum required amounts.



Questions?

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