

Child Nutrition Thursday Update

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ServSafe
Culinary Skills for School Meals**

Child Nutrition Website - <https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition>

Child Nutrition List Serve Email - child.nutrition@maillist.informe.org

USDA Annual Order

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The SY2026 Annual Order is open.

The orders will be due on Friday
February 14th, no extensions!

Please visit the [USDA Foods](#) page of our website for helpful resources for completing your Annual Order



The SY2026 Annual Order still needs to be placed for the following Districts

Alexander Public Schools
Appleton Public Schools
Auburn Public Schools
Augusta Public Schools

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Blue Hill Public Schools
Brewer Public Schools
Brooklin Public Schools

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Calais Public Schools
Cape Elizabeth Public Schools
Cherryfield Public Schools
Community Regional Charter Sch

E

Eastport Public Schools
Ellsworth Public Schools
Erskine Academy

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Foxcroft Academy
Fryeburg Academy

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George Stevens Academy
Glenn Stratton Learning Center
Gorham Public Schools
Greenbush Public Schools

Hancock Public Schools
Harmony Public Schools

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Indian Township

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Jefferson Public Schools
Jonesboro Public Schools
Jonesport Public Schools

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Lamoine Public Schools
Lee Academy
Lincoln Academy

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Maine Academy of Natural Sciences
Maine Arts Academy
Medway Public Schools
Milford Public Schools
Millinocket Public Schools
Moosabec CSD
MSAD 76 Swan Island

N

Northport Public Schools

P

Penobscot Public Schools

R

Richmond Public Schools
Rockland-Region 8
RSU 03/MSAD 03
RSU 04
RSU 05
RSU 08/MSAD 08

RSU 13

RSU 15/MSAD 15

RSU 17/MSAD 17

RSU 20

RSU 32/MSAD 32

RSU 34

RSU 35/MSAD 35

RSU 51/MSAD 51

RSU 52/MSAD 52

RSU 58/MSAD 58

RSU 60/MSAD 60

RSU 61/MSAD 61

RSU 63/MSAD 63

RSU 68/MSAD 68

RSU 73

RSU 75/MSAD 75

RSU 82/MSAD 12

RSU 87/MSAD 23

S

Scarborough Public Schools
St George Public Schools
Surry Public Schools

W

Wells-Ogunquit CSD
Westbrook Public Schools

Y

Yarmouth Schools

!!ATTENTION!!

February 6th PFG Deliveries

Due to the forecasted snowstorm this Thursday, February 6th, PFG will not be delivering USDA Food to schools. *This only pertains to the schools who would be receiving USDA food on Thursday 6th.* The rescheduling date will be Thursday, February 13th.

FARM TO SCHOOL



DEADLINE

EXTENDED

COOK-OFF

Register your team by

February 7, 2025!!

**This year, teams will be preparing
a breakfast dish using local eggs and
a lunch dish using local fish.**

There are three Regional Competitions!

March 18th at Kennebunk High School

March 20th at Presque Isle High School

March 25th at Oxford Hills High School

The winning teams from each Regional Competition will
compete in the final Cook-off taking place in the
Child Nutrition Culinary Classroom on April 17th.

More information regarding the cook-off can be found on our [website](#).

To register your team, please complete this [form](#).

If you have questions about the Cook-off, contact
Stephanie, Katie or Michele.

From the USDA

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is conducting the 2024-25 SFA Survey on Supply Chain Disruption and Student Participation, a web survey of all school food authorities (SFAs) that operate Child Nutrition Programs. Like prior, similar surveys, the survey seeks to collect information on key challenges SFAs are currently facing, including those related to school food procurement, program administration, and program finances.

FNS has contracted with Decision Information Resources, Inc. (DIR) to conduct the survey with all public, charter, and private SFAs nationwide. The survey was e-mailed to SFAs on Monday, January 27. We have received questions about the legitimacy of this survey and want to assure you this survey is legitimate and sponsored by FNS. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

Thank you for your understanding and for your support in maximizing participation in the 2024-25 SFA Survey on Supply Chain Disruption and Student Participation!



National School Breakfast Week

March 3-7th!

Have you started thinking about your plans for the week? Here is a great check list from SNA to help plan! And don't forget to invite us to your event!

The Ultimate Case File for NSBW25 Success

Use this checklist to prepare for the ultimate NSBW25 celebration. Whether you're a seasoned detective or a rookie on the case, these steps will ensure your event is a nutritious success!

- ☐ **Define Roles and Responsibilities:** Clearly outline who's solving which parts of the puzzle. From decorating to social media, assign team members their investigative tasks.
- ☐ **Gear Up Early:** Visit the SNA Shop to snag official NSBW25 merchandise, like decorations, giveaways and detective-themed gifts. Place your order early to ensure it arrives in time to crack the case.
- ☐ **Proclamation on File:** Download SNA's sample proclamation and get your city council or school board involved early.
- ☐ **Alert Leadership:** Notify school principals and administrators to obtain approvals and support.
- ☐ **Team Huddle:** Assemble your crew, set deadlines and finalize your timeline to keep the investigation on track.
- ☐ **Spread the Word:** Use SNA's customizable press releases to alert media, special guests and local legislators.
- ☐ **Create Buzz:** Share updates and countdowns with SNA's Social Media Kit to make #NSBW25 the talk of the school and community.
- ☐ **Costume Coordination:** Encourage team members to don detective-inspired attire, like trench coats, magnifying glasses or hats. Provide safety guidelines for wearing costumes during food prep and service.
- ☐ **Set the Stage:** Transform your cafeteria into a detective's dream. Think magnifying glass cutouts, question mark balloons and crime scene tape. Assign a prop master to gather or craft these elements.
- ☐ **Printable Activities:** Download engaging activity sheets and coloring pages from the SNA website.
- ☐ **Plan Interactive Fun:** Prep themed activities, from clue hunts to mystery trivia, complete with instructions and prizes.
- ☒ **Have a fantastic NSBW!**



Visit the [School Nutrition Association's](https://www.schoolnutrition.org/) website for more School Breakfast Week ideas and information!

Child Nutrition Training

The links to register are in the training titles.

We are unable to hold virtual and in person training simultaneously.

All of our webinars are recorded and put on our website within a week of the training.

Please mark your calendars once you have registered.

Webinars

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

February 24, 2025

1:30pm

This program allows districts/schools/group of schools, to claim free meals based on the number of enrolled students that qualify based on the Direct Certification List (DC). This webinar will help explain the process and time line for applying for CEP.

ServSafe-Managers

Class and Exam

Lake Region Vocation Center
1877 Roosevelt Trail
Naples

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 - 9:00am-3:00pm

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 - 8:00am-approx. noon for the test

The class is for school food service and CACFP only

Books are ordered and mail once registration has ended

Please note start times for each day

Bring photo id, pen or pencils with erasers

You must provide an email address as certificates are sent via email.

Testing will begin around noon on the second day

Lunch is provided on the first day.

Charge for the class is \$102

Payable by credit card, at the time of registration.

Registration deadline - March 27, 2025

CULINARY SKILLS for SCHOOL MEALS

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The Culinary Skills for School Meals training is a 5-day hands-on intensive culinary training for school nutrition professionals focusing on foundations for food service, including knife skills, cooking techniques, and kitchen efficiencies, to improve the culinary skills of school nutrition professionals.

2025 Training Details

- August 4-8 | Mt. Blue High School, Farmington
- August 11-15 | Edward Little High School, Auburn
- August 18-22 | Kennebunk High School, Kennebunk
- September 19-October 3 | Presque Isle High School, Presque Isle



[Click here to apply to attend!](#)

Learn more about the Culinary Skills for Schools Meals training, see the list of past participating school nutrition programs, and photos at [LetsGo.org/CulinarySkills](https://lets-go.org/CulinarySkills) or scan the QR code with a smartphone.

This training is made possible with funding from Full Plates Full Potential in collaboration with MaineHealth.

