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Closings, Mergers and Name Changes

If you have any schools closing, merging of schools, or school name changes for School Year 2027, please email child.nutrition@maine.gov to let us know ASAP. Applications will be opening soon and we want to make sure the changes are ready for the application process.



New Food Service Directors

Will your District be hiring a new Food Service Director (FSD) in SY 2027. USDA Child Nutrition has Hiring Standards. Learn about the requirements on our [website](#). There is a “Q & A memorandum” with useful information.

Also, please let this office know about Food Service Director changes by emailing child.nutrition@maine.gov. Our office conducts training for new Food Service Directors and we want to be sure that everyone is included.



SY2027 Applications Are Open!

Reminders

Checklist Documents **MUST** be signed by the
Superintendent/Legal Agent

Deadline for SY2027 Applications is **August 15, 2027**

The **Application User Guide** is located in the **CNPweb Help Tab**

Don't delay, get your application in before the
end of 2026 school year

Questions contact: jodi.truman@maine.gov

CEP Reminder

Are you planning to renew CEP for your
School Nutrition Program?

This is a reminder that the data used must be uploaded
into CNPweb by June 30, 2026.

Any uploads after this date cannot be used.



Buy American Survey

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We are requesting input from districts to gather feedback for USDA on Buy American tracking. The intention is to share common challenges with non-domestic products.

Please respond to this brief [survey](#) by September 1, 2026. We appreciate everyone's feedback!

USDA Memo

Summer Food Service Program

On June 9, 2026, FNA released SFSP 04-2026: Ensuring Integrity in Non-Congregate Meal Service in the Summer Food Service Program. This memo provides best practices State agencies should implement to ensure program integrity for rural non-congregate meal service in the Summer Food Service Program. This guidance supports Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins' commitment to clarifying statutory, regulatory, and administrative requirements in the nutrition assistance programs. You can the memo in the [Legal](#) References page of our website.

Open Office Hours

Annual Financial Report

Jodi will be holding Open Hours the following dates and times

Monday, June 15th at 1:00pm

Wednesday, June 24th at 8:00am

The topic of discussion will be the Annual Financial Report. Please email Jodi, jodi.truman@maine.gov, if you would like to attend.

If you have questions or topics other than the Annual Financial Report that you would like to discuss, please let Jodi know.

SY2027 SNP Applications are open!

Deadline to complete your 2027 application is August 15, 2026.

Share Your Feedback

Maine DOE Regional Local Foods Project Impact Survey

We are gathering feedback from schools and partners who have participated in or interacted with the Regional Local Foods Project. Your responses will help us better understand the project's impact, highlight successes, and inform future versions of this program.

Please complete the survey by June 19 to share your experience with the Regional Local Foods Project. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

[Regional Local Foods Project Impact Survey](#)

SY2027 Calendar

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We are taking orders for the School Year 2027 calendar. Once again, we are offering one per school plus one extra, if you would like that many. Please use this [link](#) to place your order by June 25th.

If you are not a Food Service Director, please discuss ordering with your Director. All calendars ordered for a district will be sent to the Food Service Director.

School Year 2027

August 2026

September 2026

October 2026

November 2026

December 2026

January 2027

Child Nutrition Data Reports
<https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition>
Annual Participation Summary
October Survey (ED534)
School Free and Reduced Participation - Breakfast
School Free and Reduced Participation - Lunch
Student Price

Webinars and Training
<https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/training>

Culinary Training
<https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/program/culinary/recipesandphotos>

Shout Out!!

Annual Community BBQ and New Menu Items in York

York Public Schools recently held their Annual Community Barbecue. Local community members from the Fire Department, Police Department, Parks & Rec, the Public Library and the Sewer District attended the Barbecue and had lunch with the students.



They also introduced new items to the menu...Sushi Bowls, Quiche and Summer Salad



Thank you for sharing, Whitney!