

Child Nutrition Thursday Update



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***There will be no Thursday Update next week in
observance of Juneteenth**

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

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

SY2026 Annual Application to Participate in the School Nutrition Program



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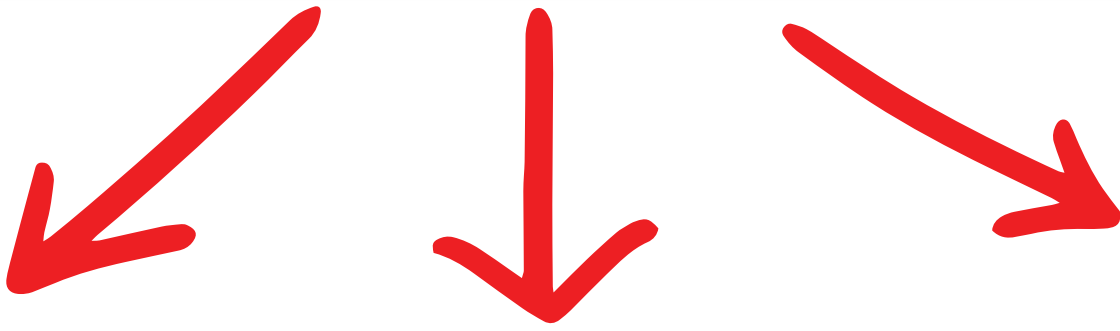
The annual application to participate in the School Nutrition Programs, including National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, After School Snack Program is now available In CNPWeb.

Program applications must be submitted and approved by State Agency prior to operating. Instructions are available under the “Help” tab once you are logged into CNPWeb.

As a reminder, on the “Checklist” tab, there are required documents that need to be uploaded by the Superintendent/Legal Agent to complete your application process. The required documents will be checked once you have opened your Sponsor and Site Information Sheets.

Deadline to submit your application is August 15, 2025

SY2025 Annual Financial Report (AFR)



- The Annual Financial Report is found in CNPWeb under the Forms tab in program 2025
- The Guide to complete the report is in the Help Tab
- Report must be submitted by September 1, 2025
- Make sure all Revenue and Expenses have been reported for SY 2025 before completing the Annual Financial Report.
- Verify that the beginning and ending balance in your AFR are the same as the Business Office
- Ending balance for the 2025 school year must be a positive balance. If the balance is negative, the sponsor is required to cover the difference with a transfer of non-federal funds to the Child Nutrition accounts for a zero balance
- Question on the report can be directed to jodi.truman@maine.gov

Community Eligibility Provision

Don't miss this opportunity to participate in CEP to the MAX!

With cuts potentially coming to SNAP and Medicare, your DC list will most likely not be as robust as it was on April 1, 2025.

Be sure to take the time to double-check your matches before submitting. Have you checked for:

- Addresses (different names, same household)
- Nonmatching names (Mohammed, Mohammad, Muhammad)
- Missing suffix (Jr/Sr) or hyphens Jones-Smith
- Birthdates that are transposed (05/12/2019 or 05/21/2019)
- Requested and received your Head Start and Homeless lists from those program liaisons

Every single addition to the list will make a big difference and meeting that 50% threshold has multiple benefits.

Let's round the difference between paid and free meals to \$4.00

Out of 175 days the student eats at school 160 day

160 days x \$4/day is \$640 that we could be reimbursed with federal funds if the student is matched on the DC list. Think of what a difference you could make by finding matches for 5 students, and then your colleagues in 20 other districts did the same? \$64,000/year and..this data is good for 4 years and there are 214 sponsors in the state...

Let's help our schools, our communities and help secure Healthy School Meals for All!

Reminders:

- **Superintendents MUST email David at david.hartley@maine.gov on plan to participate in CEP.**
- The deadline to submit documentation is **June 30, 2025 - Per Federal regulations, no new documents will be accepted after June 30, 2025.**
- Master Complete Enrollment List & DC list **must be submitted in EXCEL**
- Documents must be **uploaded into CNP Web**
- David Hartley **must** be notified once documents have been uploaded.
- Superintendents' signature is now needed only at the end of the process

Any questions, contact David at david.hartley@maine.gov or 624-6878

SY2026 Calendar

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We are taking orders for the School Year 2026 calendar. Once again this year, we are offering one per school plus an extra, if you would like that many. Please use this [link](#) to place your order. *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 2026

August 2025

September 2025

October 2025

November 2025

December 2025

January 2026

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/program/culinary/recipesandphotos>
Culinary Training

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Awards Update

Due to a delay in receiving our state FFVP allocation, we are still finalizing the FFVP awards for SY 2026. Please keep an eye on future Thursday updates for when they are released.

Thank you for your patience!



The 2025 Maine Farm & Sea to Institution Summit is Back!

The Maine Farm & Sea to Institution Network (MEFTI) will host its statewide Summit on October 14, 2025, at Colby College in Waterville. This daylong event brings together farmers, food producers, institutional buyers, food service professionals, educators, and advocates dedicated to cultivating the power of institutions to generate meaningful change in the Maine food system.

The Summit will feature hands-on workshops, presentations, a local food show, and networking opportunities designed to inspire collaboration and strengthen impact across the state.

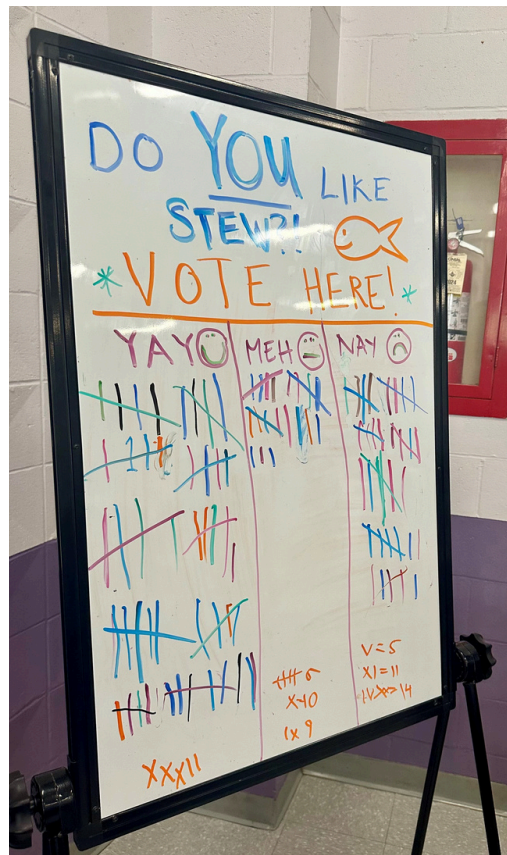
Request for Proposals Now Open

MEFTI is now accepting session proposals to help shape the 2025 Summit. Submissions will be accepted on a rolling basis through July 15, 2025.

[Learn more about the MEFTI Summit, session guidelines, and how to submit a proposal](#)

Shout Outs!!

On May 15th, Marshwood Middle School (MSAD35) collaborated with the Gulf of Maine Research Institution and the Maine Coast Fishermen's Association to introduce a local monkfish stew for students to sample in the cafeteria. Science educators Annie White and Emily Stauffer delivered lessons sourced from the Gulf of Maine Research Institution, aiding students in understanding the interconnections between the ocean, fishing, and seafood. Ali Mediate, York County's Regional Local Foods Coordinator, spoke to students during lunch about the history of monkfish and the students enjoyed voting on the flavor!





What better treat on the first hot and humid day of the season. Students at Falmouth High School were treated to homemade strawberry and honey dew sorbet that was made by the staff in the school kitchen. YUM!

