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June Claim

If you are done serving meals in NSLP for June, you may file your June claim at any time.

SY2027 Applications

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

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.



Open Office Hours

Annual Financial Report

Jodi will be holding Open Hours on

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.

Direct Certification & SUN Bucks Approval List

Starting July 1, 2026, under an MOU between DHHS and DOE, the SUN Bucks application will be available for SAU's to use as an online platform for a Free and Reduced Meals Application. DHHS will receive, process and send notices of decision to families. Students who qualify for the free or reduced benefit will be sent to SAU's via the Direct Certification List. To support this update, two new codes have been added to the Direct Certification & SUN Bucks list:

→ B = SUN Bucks Free

→ K = SUN Bucks Reduced

LEA's/SAU's should notify and work with their point of sales (POS) software companies regarding these changes and the new categories.

For the complete document explaining Direct Certification & SUN Bucks Approval List, visit the [Student Eligibility & Applications](#) page of our website. The document is under Resources

Hiring Standards for New School Nutrition Directors

Hiring Standards for New School Nutrition Program Directors

New directors — those hired on or after July 1, 2015 — are subject to the education requirements below. School Nutrition Program Directors are the individuals responsible for the operation of school nutrition programs for all schools under the local educational agency (LEA).

Minimum Requirements for Directors	Student Enrollment 2,499 or less	Student Enrollment 2,500-9,999	Student Enrollment 10,000 or more
Minimum Education Standards	Bachelor's degree, or equivalent educational experience, with academic major in specific areas;¹ OR Bachelor's degree in any academic major, and State-recognized certificate for school nutrition directors; OR Bachelor's degree in any academic major, and at least 1 year of relevant food service experience; OR Associate's degree or equivalent educational experience, with academic major in specific areas,¹ and at least 1 year of relevant food service experience; OR High school diploma (or GED) and 3 years of relevant food service experience.^{2,3}	Bachelor's degree, or equivalent educational experience, with academic major in specific areas;¹ OR Bachelor's degree in any academic major, and State-recognized certificate for school nutrition directors; OR Bachelor's degree in any academic major, and at least 2 years of relevant school nutrition programs experience; OR Associate's degree or equivalent educational experience, with academic major in specific areas,¹ and at least 2 years of relevant school nutrition programs experience.	Bachelor's degree, or equivalent educational experience, with academic major in specific areas;¹ OR Bachelor's degree in any academic major, and State-recognized certificate for school nutrition directors; OR Bachelor's degree in any academic major, and at least 5 years experience in management of school nutrition programs.
Minimum Prior Training Standards	At least 8 hours of food safety training is required either not more than 5 years prior to their starting date or completed within 30 calendar days of employee's starting date.		

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

paula.nadeau@maine.gov

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>



Financial Specialist

Posting Closes July 1, 2026

Are you a detail-oriented financial and program management professional who enjoys working at the intersection of public service, data analysis, compliance, and technology? The Maine Department of Education is seeking a Management Analyst II to support the Child Nutrition Program. In this role, you will help manage millions of dollars in federal nutrition funding, provide technical guidance to school and community partners, analyze financial and program data, and contribute to the development and implementation of statewide program systems and initiatives. This position offers an opportunity to make a meaningful impact on programs that support children and families across Maine

For more information or questions specific to the position, please contact recruiting.ggsc@maine.gov

Data & Technology Systems Coordinator

This professional services position provides management and oversight of Child Nutrition data systems (CNPWeb) while also providing training for state agency staff and School Administrative Unit (SAU) child nutrition staff across the state.

This position facilitates and ensures a smooth implementation, applicable functionality and the continued effectiveness of Child Nutrition data systems. This role receives, manages and compiles all Child Nutrition data reporting for internal and external partners and collaborators.

The technology and data coordinator serves as a liaison between the Department's Child Nutrition and Data teams in addition to other Department wide teams.

MSNA Annual Summer Conference

August 11 & 12, 2026

Hilton Garden Inn, Freeport

- Field Trip descriptions, learning session descriptions and "schedule at a glance" are all available on the [website](#).
- August 11th will have Field Trips from 9-11:45. You will sign up for the field trip you want during the registration process. You drive yourself to and from the field trip. We will not have buses this year.
- After your field trip we will have registration and Boxed Lunches at the hotel, with the food show taking place from 1-4pm
- You do not need to register at the hotel before going to your field trip.
- August 12th we will have our Keynote Speaker session and learning sessions.
- [Here is the link](#) for discounted hotel rooms. You have until July 25th to book your room at the discounted rate.

Please reach out to Whitney Thornton with any questions

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Shout Out!!



Farm to Table in
Falmouth

Thank you for
sharing, Paul!

