

# Child Nutrition Thursday Update

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# DEADLINE APPROACHING

## !!!NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

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](mailto: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](mailto:david.hartley@maine.gov) or 624-6878**

# SY2026 Annual Application to Participate in the School Nutrition Program



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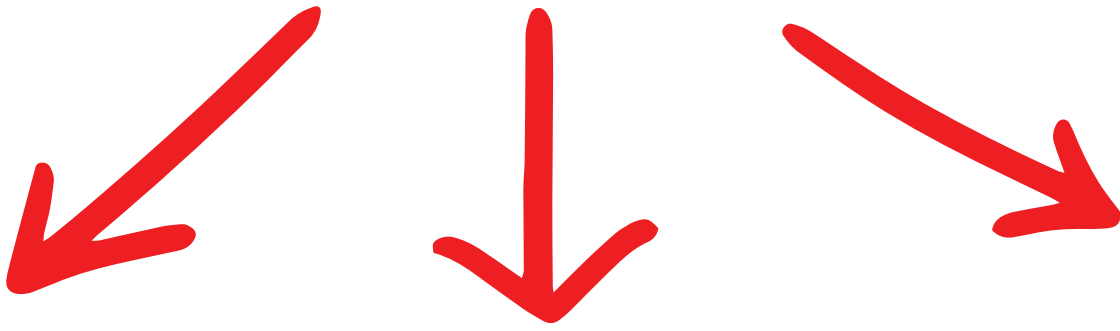
The annual application to participate in the School Nutrition Programs, including National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, After School Snack Program is now available In CNPWeb.

**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](mailto:jodi.truman@maine.gov)



# Afterschool Snack Meal Pattern

As noted in the webinar on 6/10, the meal pattern for the ASSP will need to meet the CACFP requirements for the upcoming school year. Please notice the Endnotes 😊

Found here: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/nutrition-standards/snack-meal-pattern>

Select two of the five components for a reimbursable snack.

Meal components and food items <sup>1</sup>	Ages 6-12	Ages 13-18 <sup>2</sup>	Adult participants
Fluid Milk	8 fluid ounces <sup>5</sup>	8 fluid ounces <sup>5</sup>	8 fluid ounces <sup>6</sup>
Meats/meat alternates <sup>7</sup>	1 ounce equivalent	1 ounce equivalent	1 ounce equivalent
Vegetables <sup>8</sup>	3/4 cup	3/4 cup	1/2 cup
Fruits <sup>8</sup>	3/4 cup	3/4 cup	1/2 cup
Grains <sup>9</sup>	1 ounce equivalent	1 ounce equivalent	1 ounce equivalent

## Endnotes

<sup>1</sup> Must serve two of the five components for a reimbursable snack. Milk and juice may not be served as the only two items in a reimbursable snack.

<sup>2</sup> At-risk afterschool programs and emergency shelters may need to serve larger portions to children ages 13 through 18 to meet their nutritional needs.

<sup>3</sup> Must serve unflavored whole milk to children age 1.

<sup>4</sup> Must serve unflavored milk to children 2 through 5 years old. The milk must be fat-free, skim, low-fat, or 1 percent or less.

<sup>5</sup> May serve unflavored or flavored milk to children ages 6 and older. The milk must be fat-free, skim, low-fat, or 1 percent or less.

<sup>6</sup> May serve unflavored or flavored milk to adults. The milk must be fat-free, skim, low-fat, or 1 percent or less. Yogurt may be offered in place of milk, once per day for adults. Yogurt may count as either a fluid milk substitute or as a meat alternate, but not both, in the same meal. Six ounces (by weight) or 3/4 cup (by volume) of yogurt is the equivalent of 8 ounces of fluid milk.

<sup>7</sup> Alternate protein products must meet the requirements in Appendix A to Part 226. Through Sept. 30, 2025, yogurt must contain no more than 23 grams of total sugars per 6 ounces. By Oct. 1, 2025, yogurt must contain no more than 12 grams of added sugars per 6 ounces (2 grams of added sugars per ounce). Information on crediting meats/meat alternates may be found in FNS guidance.

<sup>8</sup> Juice must be pasteurized. Full-strength juice may only be offered to meet the vegetable or fruit requirement at one meal or snack, per day.

<sup>9</sup> Must serve at least one whole grain-rich serving, across all eating occasions, per day. Grain-based desserts may not be used to meet the grains requirement. Through Sept. 30, 2025, breakfast cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of total sugars per dry ounce. By Oct. 1, 2025, breakfast cereal must contain no more than 6 grams of added sugars per dry ounce. Information on crediting grain items may be found in FNS guidance.

# Special Provisions Records Retention

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*This is for data related to the claiming of  
meals and student eligibility*

The standard for records retention for School Nutrition data is 3 years plus the current year. However, since Special Provisions are a 4 year cycle and the data used is in the first year, record retention for Districts in a Special Provision is 7 years plus the current year.

## DOD/FFAVORS

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If you are participating in the DOD/FFAVORS program, you must approve the receipt in FFAVORS within **2 business days**. You have until **June 27, 2025** to do this. Any funds remaining after June 30, 2025 will no longer be available.

# Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Award

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Congratulations to the following schools for being selected to participate in FFVP next year! FFVP funding amounts will be posted over the summer. Schools can estimate funding at \$64.00 per student multiplied by enrollment. Funding was increased in FY 2026 to account for the increased cost of produce.

<b>Alexander Public Schools (4)</b>	Alexander Elementary (5)
<b>Andover Public Schools (1734)</b>	Andover Elementary School (790)
<b>Athens Public Schools (1629)</b>	Athens Community School (906)
<b>Auburn Public Schools (14)</b>	Washburn School (19)
<b>Auburn Public Schools (14)</b>	Sherwood Heights Elementary Sch (24)
<b>Auburn Public Schools (14)</b>	Park Avenue Elementary School (27)
<b>Auburn Public Schools (14)</b>	Walton School (21)
<b>Augusta Public Schools (28)</b>	Lincoln School (35)
<b>Augusta Public Schools (28)</b>	Farrington School (34)
<b>Augusta Public Schools (28)</b>	Sylvio J Gilbert School (33)
<b>Baileyville Public Schools (38)</b>	Woodland Elementary School (40)
<b>Bangor Public Schools (42)</b>	Downeast School (48)
<b>Bangor Public Schools (42)</b>	Abraham Lincoln School (45)
<b>Bangor Public Schools (42)</b>	James F. Doughty School (50)
<b>Bangor Public Schools (42)</b>	William S. Cohen School (51)
<b>Bangor Public Schools (42)</b>	Vine Street School (47)
<b>Bangor Public Schools (42)</b>	Fruit Street School (44)
<b>Bangor Public Schools (42)</b>	Mary Snow School (46)
<b>Bangor Public Schools (42)</b>	Fairmount School (43)
<b>Bangor Public Schools (42)</b>	Fourteenth Street School (49)
<b>Beals Public Schools (62)</b>	Beals Elementary School (63)
<b>Biddeford Public Schools (65)</b>	Biddeford Primary School (69)
<b>Biddeford Public Schools (65)</b>	Biddeford Middle School (68)
<b>Biddeford Public Schools (65)</b>	Biddeford Intermediate School (71)
<b>Brooklin Public Schools (90)</b>	Brooklin School (91)
<b>Calais Public Schools (108)</b>	Calais Middle/High School (111)
<b>Calais Public Schools (108)</b>	Calais Elementary School (109)
<b>Caswell Public Schools (127)</b>	Dawn F Barnes Elementary Sch (128)
<b>Cherryfield Public Schools (1628)</b>	Cherryfield Elementary (755)
<b>Kingman Elementary School-EUT (1002)</b>	Kingman Elementary School (1005)
<b>Connor Consolidated School-EUT (1002)</b>	Connor Consolidated School (1003)
<b>Cutler Public Schools (1411)</b>	Bay Ridge Elementary (997)
<b>Deer Isle-Stonington CSD (1049)</b>	Deer Isle-Stonington Elementary Sch (1052)
<b>East Millinocket Public Schools (157)</b>	Opal Myrick Elementary School (158)
<b>Eastport Public Schools (163)</b>	Eastport Elementary School (164)
<b>Fayette Public Schools (180)</b>	Fayette Central School (181)
<b>Harmony Public Schools (217)</b>	Harmony Elementary (218)
<b>Jonesboro Public Schools (237)</b>	Jonesboro Elementary School (238)
<b>Jonesport Public Schools (239)</b>	Jonesport Elementary School (240)

Lewiston Public Schools (250)	Montello School (254)
Lewiston Public Schools (250)	Lewiston Middle School (257)
Lewiston Public Schools (250)	Farwell Elementary School (251)
Lewiston Public Schools (250)	Robert V. Connors Elementary School (2048)
Lewiston Public Schools (250)	Raymond A. Geiger Elementary School (260)
Lewiston Public Schools (250)	Thomas J. McMahon Elementary Sch (256)
Limestone Public Schools (2040)	Limestone Community School (1969)
Lisbon Public Schools (266)	Lisbon Community School (271)
Machias Public Schools (277)	Rose M Gaffney School (278)
Madawaska Public Schools (282)	Madawaska Elementary School (284)
Medway Public Schools (294)	Medway Middle School (295)
Milford Public Schools (296)	Dr Lewis S Libby School (297)
MSAD 46 (798)	Ridge View Community School (805)
Northport Public Schools (1735)	Edna Drinkwater School (738)
Pembroke Public Schools (349)	Pembroke Elementary School (350)
Perry Public Schools (353)	Perry Elementary School (354)
Pleasant Point (1013)	<u>Sipayik</u> Elementary School (1014)
Portland Public Schools (364)	Cliff Island School (367)
Portland Public Schools (364)	Amanda C Rowe School (369)
Portland Public Schools (364)	East End Community School (385)
Portland Public Schools (364)	Gerald E Talbot Community School (381)
Portland Public Schools (364)	Howard C Reiche Community Sch (380)
Portland Public Schools (364)	Presumpscot School (372)
Princeton Public Schools (389)	Princeton Elementary School (390)
RSU 01 - LKRSU (1438)	Fisher-Mitchell School (57)
RSU 01 - LKRSU (1438)	Dike-Newell School (58)
RSU 03/MSAD 03 (561)	Monroe Elementary School (564)
RSU 03/MSAD 03 (561)	Troy Central School (565)
RSU 03/MSAD 03 (561)	Unity Elementary School (566)
RSU 03/MSAD 03 (561)	Mt View Middle School (569)
RSU 03/MSAD 03 (561)	Mt View Elementary School (568)
RSU 09 (1508)	Gerald D Cushing School (614)
RSU 09 (1508)	Cape Cod Hill Elem School (612)
RSU 09 (1508)	W G Mallett School (607)
RSU 10 (1450)	Buckfield Jr-Sr High School (763)
RSU 10 (1450)	Mountain Valley Middle School (784)
RSU 10 (1450)	Hartford-Sumner Elementary School (764)
RSU 12 (1451)	Whitefield Elementary School (506)
RSU 12 (1451)	Chelsea Elementary School (133)
RSU 12 (1451)	Somerville Elementary School (439)



RSU 17/MSAD 17 (646)	Oxford Elementary School (652)
RSU 17/MSAD 17 (646)	Guy E Rowe School (650)
RSU 17/MSAD 17 (646)	Harrison Elementary (647)
RSU 17/MSAD 17 (646)	Oxford Hills Middle School (655)
RSU 17/MSAD 17 (646)	Paris Elementary School (660)
RSU 18 (1457)	Williams Elementary School (810)
RSU 18 (1457)	Ralph M Atwood Primary School (808)
RSU 19 (1458)	Somerset Elementary School (2046)
RSU 19 (1458)	Etna-Dixmont School (2044)
RSU 19 (1458)	Sebastcook Valley Elementary School (2045)
RSU 19 (1458)	Nokomis Regional Middle School (2047)
RSU 20 (1459)	Searsport Elementary (886)
RSU 20 (1459)	Searsport District Middle School (884)
RSU 22 (1615)	Leroy H Smith School (679)
RSU 22 (1615)	Samuel L Wagner Middle School (680)
RSU 24 (1462)	Sumner Middle School (2144)
RSU 24 (1462)	Mountain View School (2139)
RSU 24 (1462)	Cave Hill School (2136)
RSU 24 (1462)	Ella Lewis School (2137)
RSU 24 (1462)	Peninsula School (2140)
RSU 25 (1464)	Miles Lane School (106)
RSU 25 (1464)	Bucksport Middle School (107)
RSU 25 (1464)	G Herbert Jewett School (103)
RSU 29/MSAD 29 (707)	Houlton Elementary School (708)
RSU 29/MSAD 29 (707)	Houlton Junior High School (711)
RSU 29/MSAD 29 (707)	Houlton Southside School (710)
RSU 31/MSAD 31 (718)	Hichborn Middle School (721)
RSU 31/MSAD 31 (718)	Enfield Station Elementary School (719)
RSU 37/MSAD 37 (753)	Milbridge Elementary School (759)
RSU 37/MSAD 37 (753)	Harrington Elementary School (758)
RSU 37/MSAD 37 (753)	Daniel W Merritt School (754)
RSU 39 (1468)	Caribou Community School (2085)
RSU 40/MSAD 40 (765)	Miller School (768)
RSU 40/MSAD 40 (765)	Warren Community School (771)
RSU 41/MSAD 41 (774)	Milo Elementary School (1960)
RSU 41/MSAD 41 (774)	Brownville Elementary School (1959)
RSU 44/MSAD 44 (789)	Telstar Middle School (793)
RSU 50 (1500)	<a href="#">So</a> Aroostook School (1041)
RSU 53/MSAD 53 (854)	Warsaw Middle School (858)
RSU 53/MSAD 53 (854)	Vickery School (857)
RSU 53/MSAD 53 (854)	Manson Park School (856)
RSU 54/MSAD 54 (860)	Canaan Elementary School (861)
RSU 54/MSAD 54 (860)	Skowhegan Area Middle School (870)
RSU 54/MSAD 54 (860)	Mill Stream Elementary School (873)

RSU 55/MSAD 55 (874)	Sacopee Valley Elementary School (879)
RSU 55/MSAD 55 (874)	Sacopee Valley Middle School (881)
RSU 56 (1826)	T W Kelly Dirigo Middle School (671)
RSU 56 (1826)	Dirigo Elementary School (672)
RSU 58/MSAD 58 (898)	Phillips Elementary School (2142)
RSU 58/MSAD 58 (898)	Day Mountain Regional Middle School (2143)
RSU 58/MSAD 58 (898)	Kingfield Elementary School (2141)
RSU 59/MSAD 59 (905)	Main Street Middle School (2203)
RSU 59/MSAD 59 (905)	Madison Elementary School (2204)
RSU 61/MSAD 61 (922)	Stevens Brook School (923)
RSU 61/MSAD 61 (922)	Crooked River School (2113)
RSU 61/MSAD 61 (922)	Lake Region Middle School (926)
RSU 61/MSAD 61 (922)	Songo Locks School (927)
RSU 70/MSAD 70 (957)	Mill Pond School (958)
RSU 70/MSAD 70 (957)	Hodgdon Middle/High School (1769)
RSU 71 (1733)	East Belfast School (2096)
RSU 71 (1733)	Troy A Howard Middle School (736)
RSU 71 (1733)	Captain Albert W. Stevens School (742)
RSU 71 (1733)	Kermit S Nickerson School (2097)
RSU 72/MSAD 72 (969)	New Suncook School (975)
RSU 72/MSAD 72 (969)	Molly Ockett School (1953)
RSU 72/MSAD 72 (969)	Denmark Elementary School (971)
RSU 73 (1498)	Spruce Mountain Primary School (1760)
RSU 73 (1498)	Spruce Mountain Elementary School (1759)
RSU 73 (1498)	Spruce Mountain Middle School (1499)
RSU 74/MSAD 74 (976)	Solon Elementary School (982)
RSU 74/MSAD 74 (976)	Carrabec Community School (983)
RSU 74/MSAD 74 (976)	Garret Schenck School (978)
RSU 79/MSAD 01 (551)	Pine Street Elementary School (553)
RSU 79/MSAD 01 (551)	Eva Hoyt Zippel School (554)
RSU 79/MSAD 01 (551)	Presque Isle Middle School (556)
RSU 80/MSAD 04 (570)	Piscataquis Community Elementary (1977)
RSU 80/MSAD 04 (570)	Piscataquis Community Secondary School (2098)
RSU 83/MSAD 13 (628)	Moscow Elementary (1973)
RSU 83/MSAD 13 (628)	Upper Kennebec Valley Middle/Senior High School (1974)
RSU 84/MSAD 14 (633)	East Grand School (634)
RSU 85/MSAD 19 (662)	Lubec Consolidated School (663)
RSU 86/MSAD 20 (664)	Fort Fairfield Elementary School (666)
RSU 86/MSAD 20 (664)	Fort Fairfield Middle/High School (665)
RSU 88/MSAD 24 (685)	Van Buren Elementary School (689)
RSU 89 (1997)	Katahdin Middle/High School (693)
RSU 89 (1997)	Katahdin Elementary School (692)
Sanford Public Schools (416)	Sanford Pride Elementary School (1651)
Sanford Public Schools (416)	Margaret Chase Smith Sch -Sanford (2083)
Sanford Public Schools (416)	Carl J Lamb School (425)



<b>Sedgwick Public Schools (434)</b>	Sedgwick Elementary School (435)
<b>South Portland Public Schools (444)</b>	Waldo T Skillin Elementary School (452)
<b>South Portland Public Schools (444)</b>	South Portland Middle School (2213)
<b>South Portland Public Schools (444)</b>	James Otis Kaler Elementary School (446)
<b>Waterville Public Schools (480)</b>	George J Mitchell School (483)
<b>Waterville Public Schools (480)</b>	Albert S Hall School (481)
<b>Waterville Public Schools (480)</b>	Waterville Junior High School (484)
<b>Westbrook Public Schools (495)</b>	Westbrook Middle School (498)
<b>Westbrook Public Schools (495)</b>	Oxford-Cumberland Canal School (500)
<b>Westbrook Public Schools (495)</b>	<u>Congin</u> School (501)
<b>Westbrook Public Schools (495)</b>	Saccarappa School (497)
<b>Whiting Public Schools (1413)</b>	Whiting Village School (1001)
<b>Winslow Schools (518)</b>	Winslow Elementary School (521)
<b>Woodland Public Schools (532)</b>	Woodland Consolidated Sch (533)



# Reminders from USDA for the Upcoming School Year

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This is a reminder about updates to the [school nutrition standards](#) that will help schools encourage healthy choices that lead to healthy outcomes through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP). While some changes to the meal pattern requirements are phased in through school year (SY) 2027-2028, several changes are effective July 1, 2025. Please refer to the [timeline](#) for more information on updated nutrition requirements in school meals.

The following NSLP and SBP meal pattern changes must be implemented by July 1, 2025:

- [Added Sugars](#) – Schools must meet the following product-based added sugar limits:
  - **Breakfast cereals** must contain no more than 6 grams of added sugars per dry ounce ([7 CFR 210.10\(c\)\(2\)\(iii\)\(B\)](#)).
  - **Yogurt** must contain no more than 12 grams of added sugars per 6 ounces (2 grams per ounce) ([7 CFR 210.10\(c\)\(2\)\(iv\)\(C\)](#)).
  - **Flavored milk** must contain no more than 10 grams of added sugars per 8 fluid ounces, or 15 grams of added sugars per 12 fluid ounces for flavored milk sold as a competitive beverage for middle and high schools ([7 CFR 210.10\(d\)\(1\)\(iii\)](#)).
- **NSLP Afterschool Snacks** – Schools serving NSLP afterschool snacks to children in grades K-12 must serve the meal components and quantities found at [7 CFR 210.10\(o\)\(2\)](#). Two highlights include:
  - No more than half of the weekly fruit or vegetable offerings at NSLP snacks may be in the form of juice.
  - At least 80 percent of the grains offered during the week for NSLP snacks must be whole grain-rich.
  - Grain-based desserts, except for sweet crackers such as animal and graham crackers, do not contribute toward the grains requirement.
- **Meal Modifications** – Schools must accept medical statements from registered dietitians requesting meal modifications on behalf of students with disabilities in the school meal programs. Refer to [7 CFR 210.10\(m\)\(1\)\(i\)](#) for more information.

- **Substitution of Vegetables for Fruits at Breakfast**

- Schools that choose to substitute vegetables for fruit at breakfast one day per school week may offer any vegetable, including a starchy vegetable.
- Schools that choose to substitute vegetables for fruit at breakfast on two or more days per week are required to offer vegetables from at least two different vegetable subgroups. Refer to [SP 02-2025](#) and [SP 13-2025](#) for more information.

- **Sodium** – The current sodium limits at breakfast and lunch will remain in place until July 1, 2027. Schools are encouraged to gradually work toward meeting the future sodium requirements ([7 CFR 210.10\(c\)](#)). Visit the following website for more information: [Body](#).
- **Buy American** – Schools' non-domestic food purchases must not exceed 10 percent of total annual commercial food costs as outlined in [7 CFR 210.21\(d\)\(5\)\(ii\)\(A\)](#) and [7 CFR 220.16\(d\)\(5\)\(ii\)\(A\)](#). As outlined in recent guidance, State agencies have the ability to approve a temporary accommodation to those school food authorities that demonstrate they cannot meet the threshold requirement for non-domestic purchases (see [SP09-2025](#)).

To assist schools in meeting the updated nutrition standards, the following resources are available from Team Nutrition and the Institute of Child Nutrition:

- [Crediting Tip Sheets in Child Nutrition Programs](#)
- [Offering Meats and Meat Alternates at School Breakfast](#)
- [Reducing Added Sugars at School Breakfast](#)
- [Serving School Meals to Preschoolers](#)
- [The Whole Grain Resource for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs](#)
- [Nutrition Standards for Added Sugars Fact Sheets](#)



# Two USDA Memos

## Offer v. Serve & Food Nutritional Quality

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The USDA memo **SP 14-2025**, issued on **June 2, 2025**, emphasizes the importance of the Offer Versus Serve (OVS) flexibility in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP). The OVS provision allows students to decline certain food items, reducing food waste and promoting student choice without compromising nutrition. OVS is required for high schools at lunch and encouraged for all other grade levels in both breakfast and lunch programs. The memo also provides practical implementation tips and highlights that a significant portion of food is wasted under current practices. Schools and state agencies are encouraged to use resources from USDA's Team Nutrition to promote effective OVS implementation.

### Relevant links:

- OVS Posters & Resources: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/nslp/offer-versus-serve-posters>
  - Reducing Food Waste Tips: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/prevent-wasted-food>
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The USDA memo **SP 15-2025**, dated **June 2, 2025**, encourages states to enhance the nutritional quality of meals served through Child Nutrition Programs, such as the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. While schools must meet federal meal pattern requirements to receive reimbursement, states are encouraged to adopt stricter nutrition standards—for example, limiting added sugars, restricting synthetic food dyes, and reducing ultra-processed foods. The memo emphasizes flexibility and innovation at the state level, promoting partnerships and community-specific strategies to improve child health. However, states cannot withhold federal reimbursement if meals meet federal standards, though they may condition additional state reimbursements on compliance with stricter state rules.

### Relevant link:

- FDA Press Release on Synthetic Dyes Phase-Out: <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/hhs-fda-phase-out-petroleum-based-synthetic-dyes-nations-food-supply>

# 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**

# Sorbet Shout Out!!

Thank you to Paul from Falmouth for sharing these sorbet recipes!!!

## **Honeydew Sorbet**

Adapted from: <https://iheartvegetables.com/honeydew-sorbet/>

### **Ingredients:**

5-7 cups frozen 1" honeydew chunks

1 Tablespoon lemon juice

Add water as needed

The 1" honeydew chunks were already in the freezer. For long school breaks (winter, February, April) the unused fresh melon that had been prepped for meal service. We froze them in the medium sized bags.

### **Directions:**

Take honeydew from the freezer and immediately placed in RoboCoupe

Add lemon juice and 1/4 cup water.

Blend, then continue to add water until desired sorbet consistency.

Transfer sorbet mixture in the 3Qt slim containers as in the picture on the newsletter.

Press plastic wrap over mixture completely touching and covering all of the sorbet.

Having no empty space will prevent freezer burn.

Place in the freezer. I placed it in the far back wall of the walk-in freezer to freeze the fastest.

The sorbets were prepared in the morning of intended meal service. This can also be made the day before.

During meal service, served as 1/2 cup portions in 8oz barrel bowls. During service use a 1/2 cup scoop and a 1/4 cup scoop. 1/4 cup if students wanted more than 1 flavor.

## **Strawberry Banana Sorbet**

Ingredients:

4 Frozen Bananas

5-7 cups USDA Whole Frozen Unsweetened Strawberries. USDA Frozen Sliced Unsweetened Strawberries.

1 Tablespoon lemon juice

Frozen Banana, similarly, like the honeydew from above, at the end of the week we freeze the extra bananas knowing if left out they will spoil over the weekend.

### Directions:

Take frozen bananas and strawberries from the freezer and immediately place in RoboCoupe

Add lemon juice and 1/4 cup water.

Blend then continue to add water until desired sorbet consistency.

Transfer sorbet mixture in the 3Qt slim containers as in the picture on the newsletter.

Press plastic wrap over mixture completely touching and covering all of the sorbet.

Having no empty space will prevent freezer burn.

Place in the freezer. I placed it in the far back wall of the walk-in freezer to freeze the fastest.

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The next Thursday Update will be July 10th