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Child Nutrition Reauthorization – Part 2

USDA continues to implement via Regulations and policy memorandum the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Selected policy memorandum that have been implemented are highlighted below.

Title II – Reducing Childhood Obesity and Improving the Diets of Children

205 – USDA has distributed the Equity in School Lunch Pricing Fact Sheet. This memorandum provides information relating to section 205 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-296). This provision requires school food authorities (SFAs) participating in the National School Lunch Program to ensure that schools are providing the same level of support for lunches served to students who are not eligible for free or reduced price lunches (i.e., paid lunches) as they are for lunches served to students eligible for free lunches. The provision **effective July 1, 2011** starts schools on a gradual course to equal support. The calculations prescribed for the first year result in a five cent increase for lunches priced \$1.60 to \$2.45 this year. For future years the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) expects to publish a proposed rule this summer. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the rule, and we anticipate issuing further guidance in conjunction with publication of the rule.

203 – The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (the Act), Public Law 111-296, establishes a requirement for making water available to children in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Section 203 of the Act amends section 9(a) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. (1758(a)) by requiring schools participating in the NSLP to make potable water available to children at no charge in the place where lunch meals are served during the meal service. There are a variety of ways that schools can implement this requirement.

For example, schools can offer water pitchers and cups on lunch tables, a water fountain, or a faucet that allows students to fill their own bottles or cups with drinking water. Whatever solution is chosen, the water must be available without restriction in the location where meals are served. Schools should be working toward developing a reasonable method to implement this requirement to start this the beginning of the 2011-12 school year. While potable water is required to be made available to students, it is not considered part of the reimbursable meal and students are not required to take water. There is no separate funding available for this provision and reimbursement may not be claimed. However, reasonable costs associated with providing potable water could be an allowable cost to the non-profit food service account.

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Enjoy the Summer

202 - The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (the Act), Public Law 111-296, modifies requirements for fluid milk in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide guidance on the implementation of these modifications. Section 202 of the Act amends section 9(a)(2)(A) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(a)(2)(A)) by requiring that a variety of fluid milk be served consistent with the most recent Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The 2010 Dietary Guidelines recommend that persons over two years of age consume fat-free or low-fat (1%) fluid milk. To offer milk variety consistent with this recommendation, school food authorities must offer at least two choices from the following: fat-free milk, low-fat (1%) milk, fat-free or low-fat lactose reduced milk, fat-free or low-fat lactose-free milk, fat-free or low-fat buttermilk, and fat-free or low-fat acidified milk. Such products must be pasteurized fluid milk that meets State and local standards, as currently required in 7 CFR 210.10(m)(1)(ii).

The proposed rule, *Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs*, published in the Federal Register on January 13, 2011, includes a similar provision that addresses the allowable fat content of milk and also addresses flavored milk. Until an implementing rule goes into effect, plain or flavored low-fat and fat-free milk may be offered to meet the variety requirements described above. **USDA understands that many contracts are in place and would need to be altered to comply with this requirement. School food authorities should work to comply with this requirement as soon as possible, but not later than the beginning of School Year 2011-2012.**

Title III – Improving the Management and Integrity of Child Nutrition Programs

301 - The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (the Act), Public Law 111-296, amends statutory requirements for collection of Social Security Numbers (SSNs) in all Child Nutrition Programs. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide guidance on the implementation of this requirement. Section 301 of the Act amends section 9(d)(1) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(d) (1)) by removing the requirement that the adult household member who signs a household application for free and reduced-price meals also must provide his or her complete SSN, as a condition of eligibility. As amended by the Act, Section 9(d)(1) now requires that only the last four digits of the SSN must be provided on the application. The Act also removes the requirement that the SSN of each household member be

collected to verify applications. The new requirements increase privacy protections. Because Section 301 of the Act became effective on October 1, 2010, all household applications and supporting materials must be updated to reflect these requirements as soon as possible, but no later than July 1, 2011. The Iowa Eligibility Application and supporting materials will be updated for school year 2011-2012.

The Bureau will continue to email USDA Regulation and Policy Updates to the Authorized Representative and Food Service Director identified on the CNP2000 system. The updates are also posted by USDA at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/governance/policy.htm>. Contact your area consultant or the Des Moines Office at 515-281-5356 for additional assistance.

Summer Training Opportunities for School Meal Programs

Don't forget to come to Iowa State University for some professional development this summer—we want to see your smiling faces! For detailed information on each workshop and a link to the registration site, please check out this website: <http://www.ucs.iastate.edu/mnet/schoolfoods/home.html>

The 2011 courses and dates are—

- June 20—ServSafe certification course**
- June 21—HACCP 101 Workshop**
- June 22—Manager Updates**
- June 23-24-- Healthy Meals Workshop**
- July 6—Food Buying Guide Workshop**
- July 7-8—Financial Management Workshop**
- July 26-27—Orientation for New Managers**

Because we offered six regional workshops on Procurement, there will be no Procurement Workshop offered this summer. We hope to offer this workshop again in the summer of 2012.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Sandra Fiegen at 319-377-1898, Sandra.fiegen@iowa.gov

The registration website is <http://www.ucs.iastate.edu/mnet/schoolfoods/register.html> and the phone number at ISU for assistance in registering is 515-294-6222.

Do We Need to Use Product Specifications?

Ethical purchasing practices ensure the use of high quality, safe ingredients and products. Using product specifications can help control the foods costs for a district by having vendors bid on specific products the nutrition program plans to use. Written specifications encourage maximum competition among qualified vendors who are given equal opportunity to provide products.

A specification is a statement that contains a detailed description of a product. The following are potential characteristics that should be included in a written specification:

- Name of Product
- Federal Grade if appropriate
- Size information for container and product
- Bid unit (unit that the price will be based on)
- Quality indicators such as type, style, pack, syrup density, age, cutting instructions, weight range, composition, condition on receipt of product, fat content, cut of meat used, variety, geographical origin, temperature on delivery, milk fat content, milk solids, brand names, yield, processing method, trade association standards or chemical standards.
- Packaging procedures and type of package
- Test or inspection procedures.

Some of the best specifications are written by the food technologists at the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) branches of USDA. Specifications for donated foods purchased by AMS can be found at www.ams.usda.gov/ by selecting food purchases and then the product description to view the specifications.

Using specifications when purchasing clarifies the product that you want to use, informs the distributor and manufacturer what product you want and identifies for the individual receiving products what should be delivered. Specifications should be in writing to be most effective.

A school district may choose to work with pre-approved brands as a part of developing specifications. However, approved brands cannot restrict competition.

If you would like more information on making effective purchasing decisions, make plans now to attend the **summer short course Financial Management**. The dates are July 7-8, 2011 in Ames. Hope to see you there!



HAVE YOU SEEN?

There is a new school procurement web page under “Nutrition Programs” on the Iowa Department of Education web site

CHECK IT OUT!

Food Distribution

School Freezers

Have you worked out plans to have someone check your freezers on a daily basis during the summer months? Don't take a chance to have a break-down and lose any products. Make someone responsible for checking all of your storage areas when school is not in session.

Reminders/Checklist

- A. Rotate Stock
- B. Check freezer and refrigeration each day this summer.
- C. Fill-out paperwork on “Delivery Dates Not Available” and send them to Keck.
- D. Forward your end of the year report on “Commodities received in 2010-2011” to your business manager or the person who does your school's financial reports.

Changing Passwords

Just a reminder that your password to order commodities needs to be set every 6 months, so you may want to reset it before you leave for the summer.

Recordkeeping

Another reminder is that any records that are used in the food distribution program must be kept in your files for 3 years plus the current year. You may be audited by the State Agency and/or USDA at any time.

The “Single Inventory Method” guidance booklet, which includes basic guidelines and some questions and answers, may be obtained by contacting Alicia Teran at 515-281-4751. This would be information for new Food Service managers.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program



The application deadline to participate in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) was Friday, April 1st, 2011. With additional funding available for the 2011-12 school

year, 107 schools are able to participate, reaching 38,910 children across the state of Iowa! The purpose of the program is to provide all children in participating schools with a variety of free fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the school day.

To be selected to participate in the FFVP a school must be an elementary school and have a high percentage of children eligible for free and reduced price benefits. Section 19 of the National School Lunch Act requires that schools with the highest free and reduced price enrollment be giving priority for participation in the FFVP.

To view the list of 2011-12 FFVP schools, [click here](#).

Contact information: Carrie Scheidel at carrie.scheidel@iowa.gov or 515.281.4760.

Summer Food Service Program

The Summer Food Service Program was established to ensure that low-income children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. Free meals, that meet the Federal nutrition guidelines, are provided to all children at approved SFSP sites in areas with significant concentrations of low-income children.

The deadline to become a new sponsor of the SFSP for this summer has passed; however for more information on how you can become a sponsor in the future, contact Carrie Scheidel at carrie.scheidel@iowa.gov or 515.281.4760.

To view the list of SFSP sponsors and an interactive map of the open feeding sites, [click here](#).



HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSSC) Workshops

There are **TWO** summer HUSSC trainings! Dates and locations are June 16th in Coralville and June 29th in Council Bluffs (in combination with School Nutrition Association Iowa conference). The HUSSC trainings will be presented by National Food Service Management Institute (NFSMI).



Food Service Directors and Managers who are interested in HUSSC are invited to attend. The workshop will emphasize the criteria of the HUSSC through lectures and hands-on activities, including an overview of the application form. Please contact **Patti Delger** at patti.delger@iowa.gov to register.

Mark Your Calendar

June 20, 2011—ServSafe Short Course
Iowa State University, Ames, IA

June 21, 2011—HACCP 101 Short Course
Iowa State University, Ames, IA

June 22, 2011—Manager's Update Short Course
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Iowa State University, Ames, IA

Ann's Tidbits

Summer means many things to many people – vacations, graduations, picnics, and Summer Feeding of course! At the Bureau it also means education and training season and everyone is getting in on it! The Bureau of Nutrition, Health and Transportation Services with Iowa State University Extension will be offering seven short courses this summer: the Process Approach to HACCP, the ever-popular Manager's Update, Healthy School Meals Workshop, the Food Buying Guide Workshop, Financial Management Seminar, New Managers Orientation, and ServSafe®. To get more information click on the Nutrition Training Events link in the blue box on the Nutrition Programs page of the Department of Education web page.

Team Nutrition has a class on HealthierUS School Challenge so your school can be in on one of the awards next year. Contact Patti Delger at Patti.Delger@iowa.gov for more information on registration.

The Consultants will also be presenting sessions at School Nutrition Association Iowa (SNAI) state conference in Council Bluffs. Learn about writing item specifications, Net Off Invoice, what happens when the state comes to visit, or be one of the first to hear about the Breakfast Challenge and ways to increase breakfast participation.

Wow, it sounds like a busy summer! Have a great time!

Access Legislation, Memos, and Policy Guidance on USDA Website

School districts can access most recent USDA memorandums; proposed, interim, and final rules, and policy guidance on the USDA website.

Go to the USDA Food and Nutrition Service website at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/>. Under the School Meals title, **click directly on the program of interest**; let's say this program is the National School Lunch Program. On the National School Lunch Program page under Reauthorization there are three topics: Reauthorization Memorandum, Proposed Rule and Public Law 111-296. **Click on Reauthorization Memorandum**, this opens up the webpage titled The Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. **Click on the program or memorandums under each program to read.**

Contact Patti Harding, Administrative Consultant at Patti.Harding@iowa.gov or your consultant if you need clarification on contents of the memo.

Food Safety Inspection Requirement



As a reminder, the Reauthorization of the USDA Child Nutrition Programs in 2004 included a requirement that schools and RCCI's receive two Food Safety Inspections each program year. Now is an appropriate time for SFAs to review the inspections status of each of the sites participating in the School Meal Programs.

If each site has not yet had two inspections, it is important that the SFA request from the local inspection authority that two inspections be completed prior to the end of the school year. The SFA cannot control whether or not the two inspections are completed, but must document that the SFA has requested two required inspections.

A copy of a letter or a note placed in a file, indicating a call was made to this person on this date requesting the inspections, would be considered documentation. Copies of either the inspections or the documentation must be on file for the State Agency to review. USDA requires the State Agency to report the number of inspections completed. As part of this legislation schools are also required to have posted in a publicly visible location a copy of the most recent inspection.

How and when to report:

The food safety/health inspections are reported via the CNP 2000 web based system at: <https://www.edinfo.state.ia.us/cnp/security.asp>. On the green navigational bar select "Health Inspections." On the next screen, click on "Health Inspection," click on Program Year 2011, click on "select," and complete the report. **The number of food safety/health inspections that each school/site had must be reported by June 10, 2011.**

If you are not responsible for the food safety inspections, please inform the appropriate individual. Questions may be directed to your area consultant or Diana Weber, Consultant, at 515-281-5663 or diana.weber@iowa.gov

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