

## Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

### **School Nutrition Programs**

This weekly newsletter from the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) is dedicated to providing education, training, and technical assistance opportunities to school nutrition professionals, helping to ensure seamless operations for those participating in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Child Nutrition Programs. If you are the food service contact for your school or facility, please be certain that everyone on your team has access to this important information.

## National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Requirement: Summer Meals Advertisement

Tip of the Week

during the summer. Sponsors that serve meals at open sites on the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or Seamless Summer Option (SSO) should advertise their meal locations. Sponsors that do not participate in summer meal service must notify families that meals may be available in the community. Sponsors can provide the following site finder resource information to households: **USDA Site Finder Map** 

As you plan May newsletter submissions, please consider that all NSLP sponsors must advertise the availability of free meals for children

o Families seeking food assistance for their children can contact the USDA National Hunger Hotline, operated by Hunger Free

Hunger Hotline

Please note these site finder options will be updated to include Indiana locations the last week of May.

#### Academic Summer School Meal Options Beginning in summer 2025, school corporations are required to provide summer school to students who do not pass IREAD. Because this

and Community Nutrition for further guidance.

qualify for meal service, but will be offering summer school as a result of this requirement, please reach back out to the Office of School Sites that wish to be closed to the public or do not qualify for the summer meals programs can extend NSLP meal service. Meals served on NSLP can only be offered to students enrolled in academic summer school. Students on campus for other reasons are not eligible to participate in meal service. NSLP must operate as usual with money for reduced and paid students collected. The

is a required offering, the program is considered academic summer school. If you had previously been advised that your program did not

- non-profit food service account cannot absorb the cost of reduced and paid student meals. Sites that would like to be open to the public and qualify by area eligibility to operate a summer meal program could operate under SFSP or SSO. Site locations for SFSP and SSO must sit in an area where at least 50% of the students qualify for free or reduced price meals or is census area eligible. Academic summer school sites under SFSP and SSO must be advertised to and operate as open to the general public.
- Unsure if your program qualifies as academic summer school? See <u>this resource</u>. Contact your assigned field specialist with any

FY 2024 NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant Applications for the 2024 National School Lunch Equipment Grant are being accepted until Friday, May 16. Indiana has received \$229,328 from USDA to award Equipment Assistance Grants for fiscal year 2024 (this award is always one year behind the current program year). Public school districts, private schools, and residential child care institutions (RCCI) are eligible to apply if they participate in the NSLP.

Additional information and application tools can be found on this resource. Questions can be sent to <a href="mailto:scnfinance@doe.in.gov">scnfinance@doe.in.gov</a> with

affect school openings, closures, and reconfigurations. If school or corporation names or numbers are changing, please notify us in the

**School and Corporation Profile Amendment Window** The school and corporation profile amendment submission window for the 2025-2026 school year is open until Sunday, August 31. In order

**Farm to School** 

<u>CNPweb Help Form</u> so we can update your sponsor and/or site applications in CNPweb.

Produce Safety for School Gardens and Hydroponic Towers Webinar Purdue University, College of Agriculture, will offer a produce safety crash course webinar on Monday, April 28, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. ET. This webinar is for sponsors with gardens or hydroponic towers that want to learn important safety practices when growing food for

#### Join us for the second Farm to Summer celebration called Season Your Summer! The theme for this year's educational initiative focuses on exploring different locally grown herbs that spice up daily meals. Participation in this initiative is voluntary, easy, and open to

students and provide different educational opportunities for young minds. The nutritional component of the initiative will teach students how to grow herbs at home and use them in preparing easy and fresh recipes. Sign up here today and request free seed packets for your summer sites, while supplies last!

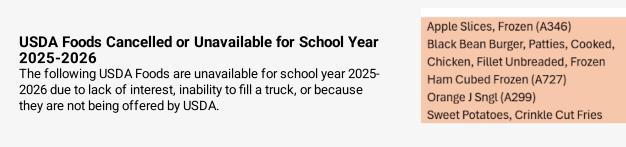
#### **USDA Foods and DoD Fresh Orders and Deliveries** Schools should begin preparing for the end of the school year. Allocations end on Wednesday, April 30. USDA Foods deliveries (based

DoD Fresh funds will not carry over.

**USDA Foods** 

**USDA Foods Recipes** Use your USDA Foods diced ham, shredded cheddar cheese, and

on delivery periods) and USDA Foods for Processing and DoD orders end Monday, June 30. Schools should make plans for ordering and utilization. USDA Foods for Processing pounds remaining will carry over to school year 2026 depending on usage and availability.



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# Private Schools Indirect Costs on Thursday, May 15, at 10 a.m. ET

Introduction to School Nutrition Leadership (ISNL) This summer, in connection with the Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN), we will be offering two sessions of ISNL, one in-person and one

 Special Dietary Needs on Wednesday, April 23, at 2 p.m. ET End of Year Reminders on Thursday, May 1, at 10 a.m. ET Record Keeping Reminders on Wednesday, May 7, at 2 p.m. ET

below. The training layout has changed from years past with 24 hours of live training with additional self-paced online lessons taken on the ICN iLEARN platform. Attendees are expected to be in attendance at the times listed below each option.

o Monday, June 23, through Wednesday, June 25, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET

long session. We had a great turnout last year and are looking forward to seeing more of you this year!

o Tuesday, July 15, through Friday, July 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET

Annual Financial Report (AFR) End of Year Preparation on Tuesday, May 13, at 10 a.m. ET

Back to School Training - IN the Mix, Prepped for Success Join IDOE for in-person training as you prepare for the 2025-2026 school year. All food service personnel are invited to attend this day-

virtual via Zoom. ISNL is intended for new school nutrition program directors and provides an overview of school nutrition programs, defines the role and responsibilities of a director, and reviews the relationship between local policies and State/Federal regulations.

Additional Details: This training is free to attend, and the cost of travel to the training is an allowable expenditure of food service funds. View a draft of the agenda here. Attendees will receive credit toward annual professional standards training hours. Register here.

When: Tuesday, July 8, from 8 a.m to 3:30 p.m. ET

Please complete one registration form for each attendee.

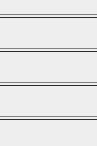
 Register <u>here</u> Virtual Option via Zoom

o Register here

**Upcoming Dates** 

Where: Renaissance Indianapolis North Hotel, 11925 N Meridian St, Carmel

### Wednesday, April 23, at 2 p.m. ET Monday, April 28, at 2 p.m.



Thursday, May 1, at 10 a.m ET End of Year Reminders Webinar Wednesday, May 7, at 2 p.m. ET Record Keeping Webinar AFR End of Year Preparation Webinar Tuesday, May 13, at 10 a.m. ET Thursday, May 15, at 10 a.m. ET Indirect Costs for Private Schools Webinar **Additional Resources** 

FFVP Application Deadline

Special Dietary Needs Webinar

<u>February Final Claim Due Date</u>

Farm to School Produce Safety for School Gardens Webinar

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# America. The hotline can be reached Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. ET at 1-866-3-HUNGRY (1-866-348-6479) (for English) or 1-877-8-HAMBRE (1-877-842-6273) (for Spanish). Important Updates

questions.

Priority will be given to schools where at least 50% of the students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals and have not previously received an equipment grant. to ensure IDOE maintains accurate information, all schools and school corporations must provide notice when changes are made that

consumption. The Indiana Grown for Schools Network wants to equip you with knowledge and skills to be able to grow fresh and safe food for your students. Register here. **Season Your Summer** anyone operating a summer child nutrition program. All learning activities listed in the Toolkit are geared toward elementary-age

frozen broccoli to prepare this variation of homemade hot <u>pockets</u>. These recipes must be adjusted to meet serving sizes and meal patterns.

**Training and Webinar Opportunities IDOE Live Webinars** Live webinars are now scheduled through May! Read details and register here.

Per ICN guidelines, these sessions will be capped at 40 participants. Therefore, we ask that only those with three or fewer years of director/program management experience, and who have never attended ISNL register to attend. Please register for only one option In-Person: Lebanon Community High School

Friday, April 18

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**IDOE's Nutrition Webpage** 

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