



School Nutrition Programs

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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.

Tip of the Week

Double Check Summer Operating Information

Whether operating the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) or Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), it is essential that the operating information in CNPweb is accurate. If times, days of service, or meal types change, the change must be submitted in CNPweb and approved prior to the change in operation. Failure to update operating information could result in the disallowance of meals served.

Important Updates

Submit New Directors to the Hiring Form

All new hires for the position of Food Service Director must be submitted through the [New Director Hiring Form](#) to ensure they meet all USDA hiring standards. This includes directors who are new to the position, as well as those transferring from another district. Early submission and approval of these new hires will speed up the program year 2027 renewal application process.

Farm to School

Culinary Skills and Farm to School Training

IDOE and the Indiana Grown for Schools Network will be coordinating a Culinary Skills for Farm to School Training in southern Indiana in September. The training will take place over two days, with each session lasting approximately three hours. While timing can be flexible based on the host site, afternoon sessions are preferred. If you are interested in hosting, please contact f2s@doe.in.gov.

Indiana Food Day Update

Food Day Toolkits will be posted online soon. Posters are finished and will also be shipped to registrants shortly. Register now to start planning a celebration for fall 2026! Learn more and register [here](#).

Farm to School Professional Development Opportunity with Shelburne Farms

Join a year-long community of learning designed for educators, school nutrition leaders, and coordinators who are passionate about transforming school food systems. Beginning in September, this program blends in-person gatherings, in Vermont and Minnesota, with virtual sessions to help you strengthen and sustain your farm to school work. Explore transformational leadership, systems change, and practical tools— all rooted in resilience, care, and community. This national program is offered by [Shelburne Farms Institute for Sustainable Schools](#), in partnership with the [National Farm to School Network](#), and is funded in part through a USDA grant. Apply now and build the strategies, skills, and connections you need to help create a healthier, more resilient school food system! Learn more and apply [here](#). Applications are due by Monday, June 8.

USDA Foods

PrimeroEdge Re-allocation Notifications

IDOE is in the process of catalog balancing and reconciliation. This entails reallocating, and in some cases reducing, USDA Foods cases and/or processor pounds to meet USDA truck requirements. When changes are made, PrimeroEdge may send an automated notification to School Food Authorities (SFAs). No additional action is required for these routine notifications. Questions regarding the notifications can be directed to fdp@doe.in.gov.

Direct Delivered/Direct Ship USDA Foods Allocations and Delivery Deadlines

- Allocations for direct delivered USDA Foods ended on Thursday, April 30.
- Direct Delivered USDA Foods deliveries to schools end on or before Tuesday, June 30, depending on the delivery period.

Processed Goods/Processed USDA Foods

Bulk pounds remaining at the processor on Tuesday, June 30, will rollover to school year (SY) 2026-2027.

Department of Defense (DoD) Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program

DoD Funds remaining in the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Order Receipt System (FFAVORS) by Tuesday, June 30, do not rollover over to next school year and will be lost.

All USDA Foods are intended to be used in the year they are allocated.

USDA Foods Cancellations for SY 2026-2027

- 100256 Frozen Strawberry Cups (January-September 2026)
- 100258 Frozen Apple Slices
- 110721 Sweet Potato Fries
- 110921 Frozen Chicken Fillet, Unbreaded

USDA Foods Recipe Ideas

Looking for recipes to use your USDA Foods? Check out these resources:

- [Wild Blueberry Recipes](#)
- [Recipes for Healthy Kids](#)
- [Recipes for Schools - Child Nutrition Recipe Box](#)
- [Team Nutrition Recipes](#)

Procurement

Procurement Information

Do you have questions about procurement click [here](#) or contact the [SCN Procurement mailbox](#) for assistance.

Training and Webinar Opportunities

Introduction to School Nutrition Leadership (ISNL)

This summer, in connection with the Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN), we will be offering one in-person session of ISNL. This session will occur from Monday, July 13, to Wednesday, July 15, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET each day. 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.

Per ICN guidelines, this session 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. The training layout has changed from years past with 24 total hours of live training with additional self-paced online lessons taken on the ICN iLEARN platform. To register for ISNL, complete the form [here](#).

Back to School Training is Full

IDOE's Annual Back to School Training is now FULL! This training will take place on Wednesday, July 8, at Martinsville High School and will be packed with relevant information for staff in all areas of school nutrition, including front-line staff, programming and administration, and finance and budgeting. Staff who have registered but can no longer attend are encouraged to email SCNtrainings@doe.in.gov to be removed from registration. Those interested in attending but who have not registered are encouraged to join the waitlist [here](#). Those on the waitlist will be contacted if spots open.

Culinary Skills for A+ School Meals

Spots are still open for Culinary Skills for A+ School Meals! School nutrition standards require schools to offer more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains, while students request tastier, fresher, and more contemporary menu items. While this may seem challenging, it opens many opportunities to add new, exciting items to your menu. This class will focus on basic culinary skills needed to prepare and serve more fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and salads while enhancing flavors and meeting the demands of today's students. These basic culinary skills will help schools offer foods and meals that support the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* and school nutrition standards. Only a few spots are remaining for Noblesville and Woodburn. To learn more and register, click [here](#).

Reminders

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) School of the Year

On Wednesday, May 13, IDOE's 2025-2026 FFVP School of the Year Award was presented to Joshua Academy from IDOE. Piazza Produce sponsored a prize of \$250 to be used for education materials related to FFVP. Sandy Byers, Food Service Director and Finance Manager, nominated Joshua Academy for the award. Byers shared how nice it is to see the excitement of the students and their parents as they check the bulletin board to learn what is going to be served for snacks each week. For the last nine years, IDOE has recognized schools for creating a healthier school environment by providing fresh fruits and vegetables to students through the FFVP.



Updates from Our Partners

No Kid Hungry Summer Series

No Kid Hungry's Summer Webinar Series is coming to an end! Join for the last webinar, Home Delivery with Amazon, how it Could Work for Your Community, on Wednesday, June 10, at 3 p.m. ET. This webinar will review a home delivery pilot with Amazon, alongside other home delivery models used across the country. To learn more and register, click [here](#). To view recordings of other webinars offered by No Kid Hungry, click [here](#).

Upcoming Dates



Monday, June 8	Expanding Fluid Milk Options Comment Period Ends
Monday, June 29	Final Due Date for April Claim
Tuesday, June 30	CEP Application Closes
Wednesday, July 1	Annual Financial Report Opens
Thursday, July 30	Final Due Date for May Claim



Additional Resources

[School Nutrition Programs Calendar](#)
[IDOE's Nutrition Webpage](#)
[CNPweb](#)