Annual Point Of Service Meal Count Waiver Application

USDA regulations [7 CFR 210.7 (c) (iii)] require that lunch counts be taken daily at the point of service. USDA regulations [7 CFR 210.2] define point of service as the point at which an accurate determination that a reimbursable free, reduced price or paid meal has been served to an eligible child. USDA guidance has specified that the point of service count must be taken after students have had access to all meal components.

The Site Application contains the following question:

Is the point of service meal count taken at the end of the serving line?

If your district answers “no” to the question above for any site, a waiver must be submitted each year for approval by Nutrition Services, Nebraska Department of Education. Waivers will be approved or denied based on the reason the count cannot take place at the end of the line and the description of the alternate counting method. A physical barrier that prevents counting at the end of line MUST exist in order for a waiver to be considered.

The following information must be submitted to Nutrition Services:

School System Name: ______________________  Agreement Number: _____________

School site(s) requesting waiver: ________________________________

1. Description of the specific reason the count cannot be taken at the end of the line.

2. Description of the location at which the meals will be counted.

3. Description of how each student meal will be reviewed for required components and what will happen if a student refuses to select a reimbursable meal.

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Signature of Authorized Representative  Date

Return to:
Nutrition Services, Nebraska Department of Education
P.O. Box 94987
Lincoln, NE  68509

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