

2023-2024 Administrative Review Training



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Learning Objectives

- NDE will summarize the purpose of the review & steps to ensure compliance
- School will understand how to operate software to submit review information
- School will understand how to utilize self-review checklist to prepare for review



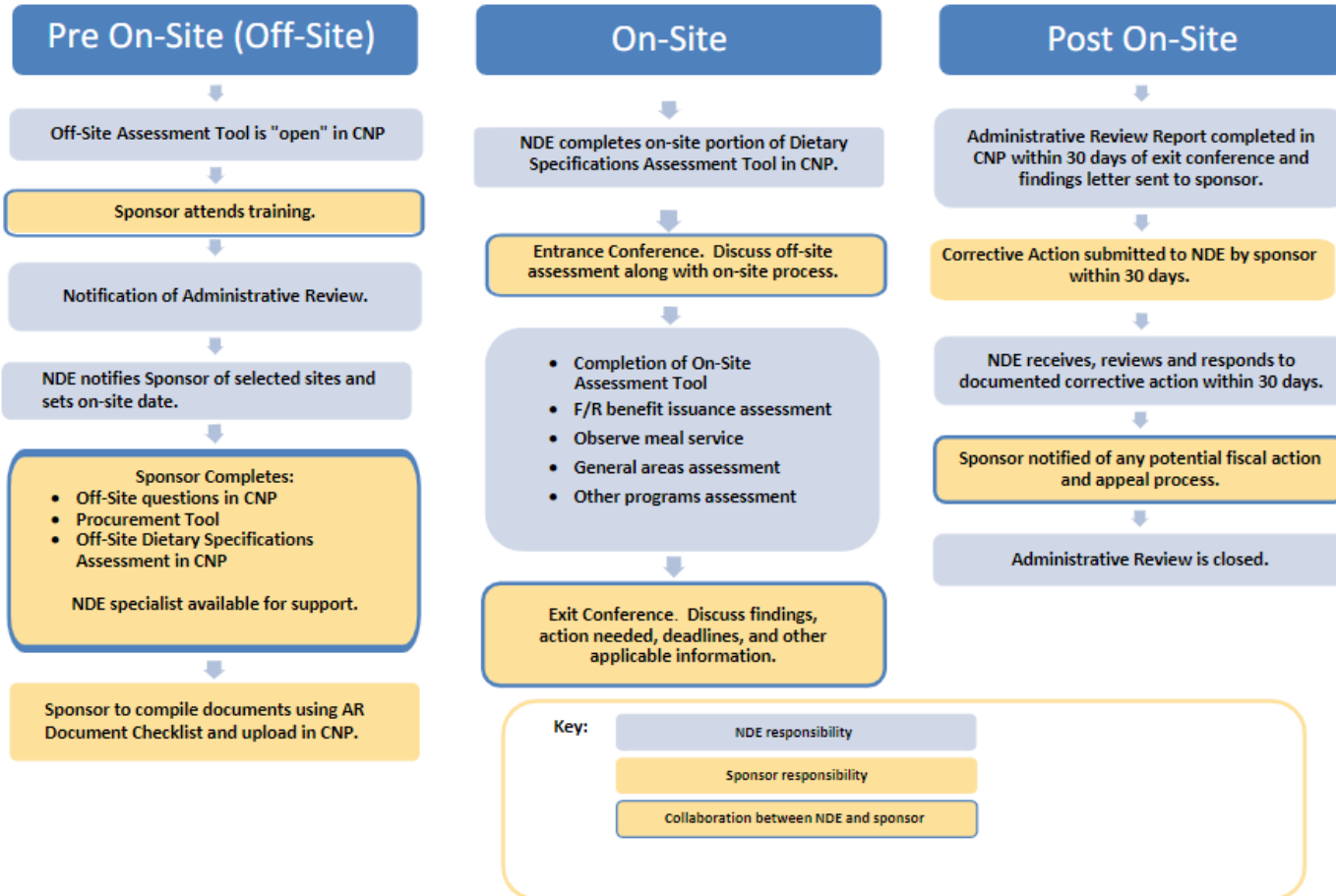
Administrative Review Resources

- PowerPoint presentation
- SFA Tools
 - Administrative Review Flow Chart
 - Off-Site Assessment Guide
 - Self Review Checklist
 - Document Checklist

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Administrative Review Flow Chart



Accessing the Off-site AR forms in CNP

Nutrition Services
Lincoln: 402-471-2488 - 800-731-2233

CNP

Nebraska CNP System
Current Program Year: 2022 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)
School Lunch (NSLP) and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

Returning Users: Log On

User ID:

Password:

[Forgot Your Password?](#)
[Forgot Your User ID?](#)

Remember my User ID

Log On

NSLP claims are currently inaccessible as the severe need breakfast reimbursement eligibility undergoes an update. An email notification will be sent to all School Food Authorities (SFAs) when NSLP claims have been re-opened. Thank you for your patience.

Nutrition Services continues to distribute important information and guidance via email. Please make sure your email address is correct and current as listed in CNP program Sponsor Applications and your User Profile.

Announcements



School Nutrition Programs

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Programs | Year | Help | Log Out

Programs

School Nutrition Programs | Accounting | Child and Adult Care Food Program



Accessing the Off-site AR forms in CNP

Review Tools

Action	Description
View	Review Information
View	Sponsor Contact Information
Detail	Site Dashboard (1)
Detail	Review Forms
View	Corrective Action Documents (0)
View	Commendations (0)
View	Technical Assistance (0)
View Modify	Notes to Sponsor (0)
Detail	Review Attachments (0)

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	Action	Form	Reviewer	Status
<input type="checkbox"/>		Off-site Assessment (17)		
<input type="checkbox"/>		SFA Forms (16)		
	View Modify	100 - Certification and Benefit Issuance		
	View Modify	200 - Verification		
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	View Modify	RMCR - Nonprofit School Food Srvc Acct		
	View Modify	RMCR - Paid Lunch Equity		
	View Modify	RMCR - Revenue From Nonprogram Foods		
	View Modify	RMCR - Indirect Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/>		Sites (1)		
	Detail	Wallace School		



Document Checklist

Administrative Review Document Checklist

Please use the checklist below to ensure all required documents are uploaded into the CNP Administrative Review attachments by **[date]**. Ensure the documents are named correctly for easy identification.

Complete the checklist below by marking the "Done" box/column for each item. Email the completed checklist to **[email address]** by **[date]**.

Review month: **[month year]**

Provide records for the **[site name]** site when specified in the checklist.

Providing all requested documents requires collaboration by both the SFA Bookkeeper and Food Service Director.

BOOKKEEPER DOCUMENTS

MEAL COUNTING & CLAIMING DOCUMENTS		How or Where
Done	What Consolidated report showing daily meal counts for [Breakfast, Lunch, Snack, and Special Mlk] for [review month] .	Upload to Attachment List of the Administrative Review in CNP .
	Meal counts for the day of the virtual visit for reviewed sites (provide during on-site review). Unpaid Meal Charge Policy.	Email to the NDE Program Specialist after the virtual meal observation is complete. Upload to Attachment List of the Administrative Review in CNP . Access resources here: https://www.education.ne.gov/ns/forms-resources/national-school-lunch-program/charge-policy/

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PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DOCUMENTS

Done	What	How or Where
	List of all food service employees with the number of weekly scheduled work hours for [review month] .	Upload to Attachment List of the Administrative Review in CNP .
	Tracking documentation (training tracker, certificates, etc.) for all NSLP employees for the previous school year and current school year.	Upload to Attachment List of the Administrative Review in CNP . Access resources here: https://www.education.ne.gov/ns/nsp/professional-standards/

CIVIL RIGHTS TRAINING
All staff involved in the school meals program are required to complete civil rights training annually.

Done	What	How or Where
	Documentation that all staff with a role in school meals completed annual civil rights	Upload to Attachment List of the Administrative Review in CNP

<input type="checkbox"/>	Civil Rights Summary - Attachment H-1 must be completed annually. The NDE Nutrition Services recommends the ICN's Civil Rights Training. Access civil rights training resources here .	Upload to Attachment List of the Administrative Review in CNP .
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STUDENT HANDBOOK		How or Where
Done	What Your district's student handbook	Upload to Attachment List of the Administrative Review in CNP or email to me the link for it from the school's website.

WELLNESS POLICY DOCUMENTS		How or Where
Done	What District's school wellness policy	Upload to Attachment List of the Administrative Review in CNP . Access resources here: https://www.education.ne.gov/ns/forms-resources/national-school-lunch-program/wellness-policy/

ON-SITE MONITORING & OUTREACH DOCUMENTS		How or Where
Done	What All completed on-site monitoring forms for each site, if SFA has >1 meal service site. Outreach materials for SBP and SFSP.	Upload to Attachment List of the Administrative Review in CNP . Upload to Attachment List of the Administrative Review in CNP .

CERTIFICATION & BENEFIT ISSUANCE DOCUMENTS		How or Where
	Blank application packet provided to households; including notification of benefits letter.	Upload to Attachment List of the Administrative Review in CNP .

VERIFICATION DOCUMENTS		How or Where
	All applications selected for verification during the current school year.	Upload to Attachment List of the Administrative Review in CNP .
	All documentation related to verification: Verification Tracker Form - Attachment H-2; notification letter sent to households; all materials provided by households; and results letter.	Upload to Attachment List of the Administrative Review in CNP .
	Alphabetized lists of Free and Reduced-meal price eligible students as of October 31, 2022. Direct Certification match list as of last day of [review month] .	Upload to Attachment List of the Administrative Review in CNP . Have available for on-site review



Uploading Documents in CNP

Review Tools	
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View Modify	Corrective Action Documents (0)
View Modify	Commendations (0)
View Modify	Technical Assistance (0)
View Modify	Notes to Sponsor (0)
View Modify	State Agency Notes (0)
Detail	Review Attachments (0)

Attachments				
Action	File Name	Description	Date	User
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Total Attachments: 0

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Review Process By Program Area



Agenda

- Certification & Benefit Issuance, Meal Counting & Claiming
- Meal Pattern Compliance & Dietary Specifications
- General Program Requirements



Certification & Benefit Issuance and Verification


- Meal application and supporting materials are available on the [Application - Income Eligibility](#) webpage
- Provide NDE with documentation of each student's meal benefit
 - Roster of students with Free or Reduced-price meal benefits
 - Direct certification match list for SY2023-24
 - Meal applications for SY2023-24




Certification & Benefit Issuance and Verification



	View Modify	100 - Certification and Benefit Issuance	
	View Modify	200 - Verification	



Off-Site Assessment


- 100** Does the SFA meet one of the following criteria: 
- SFA-wide Special Provision Non-Base Year (Provision 2/3)
 - RCCI, without day students
 - SFA-wide Community Eligibility Provision


Note: If one of the above is checked, skip questions 101 – 204 and proceed to question 300. If the SFA does not meet one of the above criteria answer the following questions (101-204).

- 101** Who is the determining official for certifying household applications (Names and/or position titles)? 
- Secretary

- 102** a. Does the SFA use an electronic applications approval system or a manual application approval system? If a combination of electronic and manual is used, select "Combination".  
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- b. Does the SFA use an electronic benefit issuance system or a manual benefit issuance system? If a combination of electronic and manual is used, select "Combination".  
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- 103** At the beginning of the school year, how is benefit status handled for children who have not submitted an application for the current school year? 

- 104** If the SFA has an electronic application approval system, answer the below questions. 


If not proceed to the next question.

- a. How are records maintained and for how long?

- b. Describe the backup to the electronic-based approval system.

- c. List the method used to obtain household signature(s).

Off-Site Assessment

- 200** Obtain a copy of the SFA's most recently submitted FNS-742 (Verification Collection Report). 

- a. Did the SFA choose the correct verification sample size?

Yes No

- b. Did the SFA verify the correct number of applications based on their verification sample size?

Yes No



- c. Was the most recent report timely and accurate?


Yes No


If No, is this a recurring problem?


Yes No

Comments:

- 201**  Who serves as the SFA's verifying official? (Name and/or position title) 

- 202** Who serves as the confirming official? (Name and/or position title or software used is acceptable) 

- 203** Describe the SFA's verification process (including SFA's verification for cause process, deadlines, due dates, selection procedures, etc.). 

- 204** Does the SFA use an electronic system to identify error-prone applications? 
- Yes No

If Yes, explain what software does the SFA use?

Comments:



Meal Counting & Claiming

- Reimbursable meals must meet the NSLP/SBP meal pattern
- Point of service meal counting must ensure a reliable meal count total of Free, Reduced-price and Paid-price meals
 - Use a paper roster or electronic point of service system to record meals by meal type each serving day






Meal Counting & Claiming



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300 - Meal Counting and Claiming

Off-Site Assessment

300 Does the SFA use an electronic or manual system to count and consolidate reimbursable meals? If a combination of electronic and manual is used, select "Combination".  


301 How does the SFA's point of service system identify a student's eligibility? Include all types of distinct counting methods (e.g., check-off list for grades 1-3, tickets for grades 4-8). 


302 Does the SFA have a backup system to their primary meal counting and claiming system should the primary system fail/not operate?  


Yes No

If Yes, describe backup system.

Comments:

303 How often are cashiers and substitute cashiers trained on the meal counting and claiming system (including the backup system)? 

304 At the end of meal service, how does the SFA obtain the daily meal counts by category from each school's point(s) of service? 

305 What are the SFA's meal counting and claiming policies and procedures for the following situations: 

Enter N/A if Not Applicable.



Meal Counting & Claiming

What to do if inaccurate meal counts for the day of review or review month?

- o SFA can report incorrect meal counts to SA; complete revision to submitted claim
- o State agency watches meal service to ensure meal counter identifies reimbursable meals correctly, to ensure meal counting is accurate
 - DO NOT COUNT meals served to adults, a la carte items, second meals or second helpings



Review Process

Sponsor

- Answer #100, #200, and #300 level Off-site questions
- Ensure claim for **review month** is submitted in CNP
- Provide daily/monthly meal counts for the review month for sites that will be reviewed
- Provide meal counts for day of on-site review for sites that were visited/reviewed

Reviewer

- Review Off-site questions before site visits/review
- Review **edit checks**
- Reconcile claim for the review month
 - Meal counts
 - Meal benefit



Agenda

- Certification & Benefit Issuance, Meal Counting & Claiming
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Meal Pattern

- All meals claimed for reimbursement must meet the NSLP/SBP meal pattern
 - Components, serving sizes & dietary specifications
- USDA recognized the potential challenges with meeting NSLP/SBP meal pattern because of supply chain issues
 - Experiencing challenges: contact NDE Nutrition Services

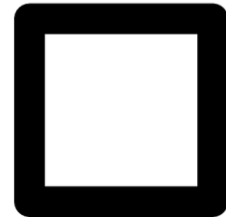


Dietary Specifications Risk Assessment

- Completed off-site by sponsor



- Verified by reviewer based on submitted documentation



Menu Assessments

- Dietary Specifications (600 series)
 - School completes off-site - choose Option 1

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Answer only question 601. Option 1, an error will appear, continue.

Reviewer: Lutz, Laura

Off-Site Assessment



600 Based on the results of the Menu Assistance Risk Assessment tool, what site has been selected for the targeted menu review?
Paxton Consolidated Sch

601 How will the SA proceed with the targeted menu review?
 Option 1: Complete the Dietary Specifications Assessment Tool
 Option 2: Validate Existing Nutrient Analysis
 Option 3: Conduct Nutrient Analysis
 Option 4: Use FNS-approved Process Utilizing FNS-Approved Menu Planning Tools




602 If Option 1 is selected, what initial risk level has been assigned for the targeted menu review site based on the results of the Dietary Specifications Assessment Tool?
Risk Level:

Menu Assessments

- Dietary Specifications (600 series)
 - Complete **BLUE** Dietary Specifications Risk Assessment

view	RMCR - Indirect Costs	Lutz, Laura	Not Applicable
	Sites (1)		
	Detail	Paxton Consolidated School	



	Action	Form	Reviewer
		Site Forms (4)	
	View Modify	Dietary Specifications Assessment Tool - Breakfast	
	View Modify	Dietary Specifications Assessment Tool - Lunch	
	View Modify	Meal Component and Quantities - Breakfast	
	View Modify	Meal Component and Quantities - Lunch	

Menu Assessments

- Complete **BLUE** Dietary Specifications Risk Assessment

Reviewer: Furmanski, Jessica

Assessment

Instructions:
For each question below, select the number that corresponds to the best description.
1 - Always (every day or 5 days/week)
2 - Most items or most of the time (3-4 days/week)
3 - Some items or some of the time (1-2 days/week)
4 - Never (0 days/week)

1 Are specifications considered when purchasing menu items and condiments to limit the following?

a. Saturated-Fat
Breakfast Off-site 1 - Always ▾

b. Sodium
Breakfast Off-site 1 - Always ▾

c. Trans-Fat
Breakfast Off-site 1 - Always ▾

2 Only low-fat (1 percent milk fat or less, unflavored) or fat-free (unflavored or flavored) milk is used for student consumption and in menu recipes.
Breakfast Off-site 1 - Always ▾

3 Low-fat, fat-free milk products are used. This includes yogurt and cottage cheese.
Breakfast Off-site 1 - Always ▾

4 Cheese (all varieties including reduced fat) is controlled by placing items in portion cups, portion controlled packaging or the use of appropriate serving size utensils to limit portion size allowed per meal. This includes cheese offered on salad bars.
Breakfast Off-site 1 - Always ▾

5 Are non-creditable cheese products offered as part of a reimbursable meal? (Non-creditable cheese includes: cheese sauce without a CN label or product formulation statement, cheese product, imitation cheese and powdered cheese).
Breakfast Off-site 4 - Never ▾

Reduced-fat, low-fat, fat-free margarine, sour cream, and/or salad dressings are offered instead of

Complete all
assessment
questions!

Menu Review

- Reviewer will notify the school of selected menu week
- School provide:
 - Production records
 - Meal pattern contribution
 - Standardized recipes
 - Product documentation

Review SY23-24 training for guidance on completing production records:

[School Meals Training – Nebraska Department of Education](#)

Product Documentation

Submit documentation for **selected** menu items:

- Meat/Meat Alternates
 - Child Nutrition (CN) label
 - Signed product formulation statement
 - USDA product information sheet
- Grains:
 - Child Nutrition (CN) label
 - Signed product formulation statement
 - USDA product information sheet
 - A Nutrition Facts Panel with the grams or ounces per serving AND an ingredient list



Product Formulation Statement Example:
 Sample Product Formulation Statement (Product Analysis) for Meat/Meat Alternate (MMA)

Products: _____ Code No. 555

Child Nutrition Program operators should include a copy of the label from the purchased product carton in addition to the following information on letterhead signed by an official company representative.

Product Name: Chicken Patty Case/Pack/Count Portion Size: 1.78servings/case

Manufacturer: Chicken Company

I. Meat/Meat Alternate Description of Creditable Ingredient per Food Buying Guide (FBG)	Ounces per Raw Creditable Portion	Multiply	FBG Yield/ Servings Per Unit	Creditable Amount
Chicken	3.04	X	0.558	2
		X		
		X		

A. Total Creditable MMA Amount: _____

VP - R&D
 Title _____ 555-5555
 Date _____ Phone Number _____

Nutrition Facts			
8 servings per container			
Serving size 2/3 cup (55g)			
Amount per 2/3 cup			
Calories 230			
% DV*	Total Fat 8g		
12%	Saturated Fat 1g		
	Trans Fat 0g		
0%	Cholesterol 5mg		
7%	Sodium 160mg		
12%	Total Carbs 3g		
	Dietary Fiber 4g		
	Sugars 1g		
	Added Sl		
	Protein 3g		
10%	Vitamin D 21µg		
45%	Calcium 260µg		
	Iron 8mg		
45%	Potassium 2g		
*Percent Daily Values are based on a diet of other people's misdeeds.			
†Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs.			
	Calories	2,000	2,500
Total Fat	Less than	65g	80g
Sat Fat	Less than	20g	25g
Cholesterol	Less than	300mg	300mg
Sodium	Less than	2,400mg	2,000mg
Total Carbohydrate	Less than	30g	37g
Dietary Fiber		5g	8g

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
USDA Foods Product Information Sheet
 For Child Nutrition Programs

110321—Beef, Patties w/SPP, Cooked, Frozen
 Category: **Meat/Meat Alternate**

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
 This item is a fully cooked beef patty with soy protein product added. This item is delivered frozen in 40 pound cases containing 5 pound, 8 pound, or 10 pound packages.

CREDITING/YIELD

- One case of beef patties provides approximately 376 1.7 ounce patties.
- CN Crediting: One 1.7 ounce beef patty with SPP credits as 1.5 ounce equivalents meat alternate.

CULINARY TIPS AND RECIPES

- Fully cooked beef patties can be heated and served on a bun with a variety of toppings such as lettuce, tomato, avocado, onions, or mushrooms.
- For more culinary techniques and recipe ideas visit nrc.ams.usda.gov or TeamNutrition.

FOOD SAFETY INFORMATION

- For more information on safe storage and cooking temperatures, and safe handling practices please refer to www.fsis.usda.gov or www.fsis.usda.gov/Food_Safety_Program_Based_on_the_Process_Accession_to_HACCP_Systems.

NUTRITION FACTS
 Serving size: 1 patty (40 g)

Amount Per Serving	
Calories: 100	
Total Fat	5g
Saturated Fat	2.5g
Trans Fat	0g
Cholesterol	35mg
Sodium	100mg
Total Carbohydrate	2g
Dietary Fiber	1g
Sugars	0g
Protein	11g

Source: USDA Foods Vendor Labels

Alternate Information: Please refer to alternate items available on the product package for vendor-specific and for more information, please contact the product team.

Nutrient values in this section are from the USDA National Database for Standard Reference or are not values from USDA Foods vendor labels. Please see product's Nutrition Facts label to supplement for its specific information.

All Other Menu Items


- Documentation needed for all menu items for the week of review include:
 - Meal pattern contribution via:
 - Production records,
 - recipes, or
 - separate document
 - Whole grain-rich documentation

Cornbread (School Recipe)

YIELD:		VOLUME:	
50 Servings:	4 lb 14 oz (batter) 1 half-sheet pan	50 Servings:	about 2 quarts 2 cups (batter) 50 pieces
100 Servings:	9 lb 12 oz (batter) 2 half-sheet pans	100 Servings:	1 gallon 1 quart (batter) 100 pieces
Ingredients		Weight	Measure
Flour, enriched bleached		1 lb	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups
Flour, whole-wheat		$\frac{1}{2}$ lb	2 cups
Cornmeal, whole-grain		1 lb	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups
Salt			1 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp
Eggs, whole		5 $\frac{1}{4}$ oz	$\frac{2}{3}$ cup
Baking powder			2 Tbsp 2 tsp
Sugar		5 $\frac{1}{4}$ oz	$\frac{3}{4}$ cup

Do not submit labels for fruits, vegetables, condiments or spices!

Fiscal Action: Meal Pattern & Dietary Specifications

- Missing meal components or production records
- Milk type and vegetable subgroup findings (repeat violations) 
- Non-reimbursable meals counted and claimed at the point of sale



Review Process

Sponsor

- Answer off-site question Dietary Specifications (600 Series)
- Provide menu and daily production records for the week of review for all review sites (if menus are different)
- Provide product documentation for requested items



Reviewer

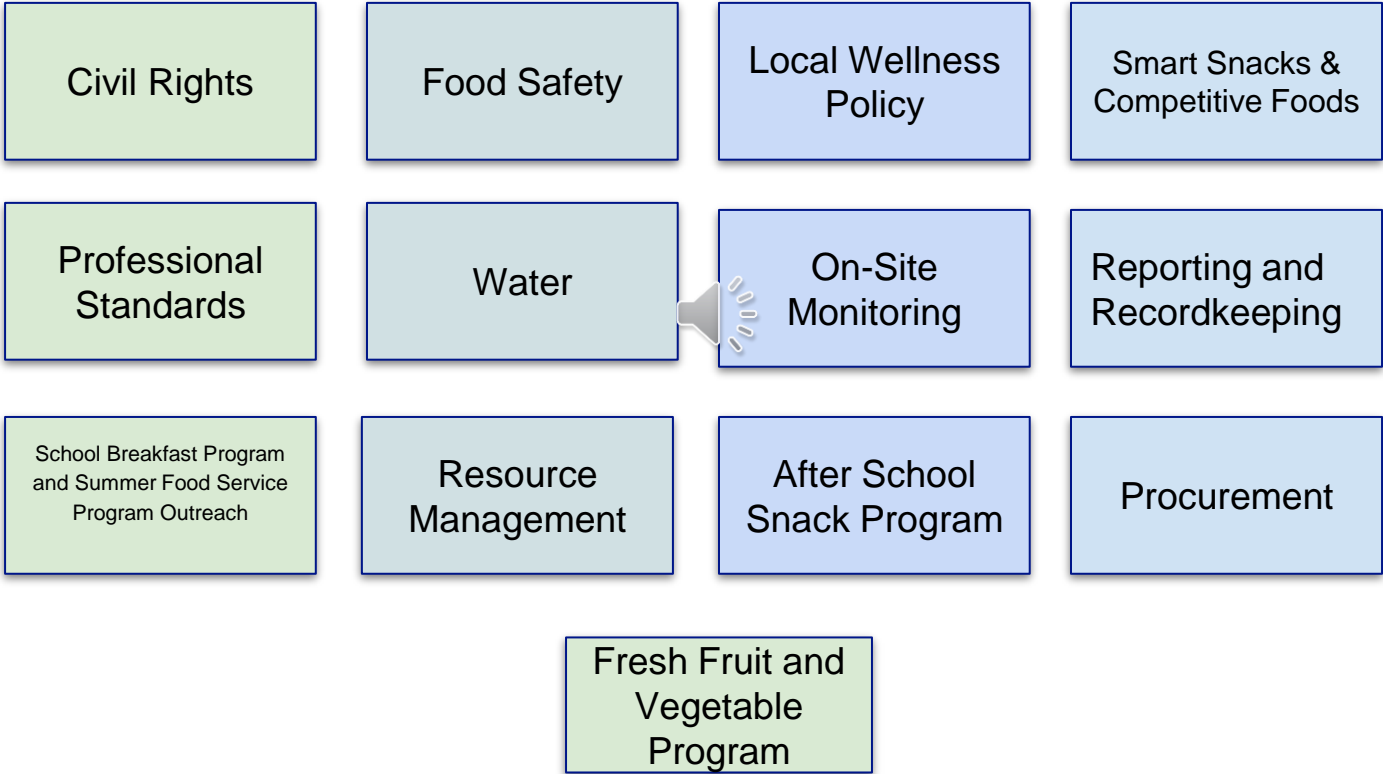
- Staff will review all supporting meal documentation submitted
- Verification of answers in Dietary Specification Assessment Tool

Agenda









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General Program Compliance



General Program Review Questions in CNP

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Civil Rights - Overview of Requirements

- Must include current non-discrimination statement on program materials
 - Exception: Title IX waiver for religious schools
- Must have a complaint procedure in place that meets the minimum requirements
- Conduct and document annual staff civil rights training
- Have the *And Justice for All Poster* posted at all sites (2019 version OK)
- Visit our [Civil Rights Information](#) for more for training links and materials



Special Diets - Overview of Requirements

- Accommodate special dietary needs when supported with Medical Statement
 - Needs due to disabilities do not need to meet meal pattern requirements
- Schools can choose to make accommodations for dietary preferences
 - Accommodations for preferences must meet all meal pattern requirements
 - Household completes Meal Accommodation Form
- Visit our [Special Diets](#) webpage for forms, templates, and resources



Review Process

Sponsor

- Answer #800 off-site questions
- Questions include providing the following documentation:
 - Non-discrimination statement
 - Annual Civil Rights training documentation
 - Civil Rights complaint procedure
 - Accommodating special dietary needs procedure

Reviewer

- Review off-site questions and supporting documents

Food Safety Requirements

- Your [local public health department](#) is the ultimate authority on food safety related questions
- A food safety plan/HACCP plan for providing meals to students in the school district
- For state-level guidance, please consult Ericka Sanders 402-471-3422; ericka.sanders@nebraska.gov
- View our [food safety webpage](#) for more resources



Buy American Provision - Overview of Requirements

- School Food Authorities must ensure that all procurements using funds from the nonprofit school food service account comply with the Buy American provisions. This provision requires SFAs to purchase domestically grown and processed foods, to the maximum extent practicable. This includes foods that are sold to students as a la carte food items.
- Visit our [Buy American](#) webpage for the Buy American exemption form, and resources



Review Process

Sponsor

- Food safety/HACCP plan readily available & followed at all meal service sites
- Post most recent health inspection in a visible location
- Ensure Standard Operating Procedures are current
- Ensure products meet Buy American Provision

Reviewer

- Review dates of most recent health inspections
- Review temperature/thermometer calibration logs
- Review Standard Operating Procedures



Local Wellness Policy Triennial Assessment

- Sponsors should continue to implement the goals and standards included in their local wellness policy and comply with all requirements of the final rule.
- Due to COVID-19, USDA extended the deadline to complete the triennial assessment to **June 30, 2023**
- SFAs may use: Alliance for a [Healthier Generation's Assessment](#), [WellSAT](#), or the [CDC's School Health Index](#)
- View our [School Wellness Policy](#) webpage for more resources



Review Process

Sponsor

- Answer #1000 off-site questions
- Questions include providing the following documents:
 - Local School Wellness Policy
 - Public notification of policy
 - Documentation of the review and update of the wellness policy
 - Assessment on the implementation of the policy

Reviewer

- Review off-site questions
- Review supporting documents



Smart Snacks & Competitive Foods

- Competitive food sales for students must meet Smart Snacks regulations when sold on campus during the school day
- Sponsor must submit product documentation to include:
 - Child Nutrition (CN labels)
 - Standardized recipes
 - Signed product formulation statement, or
 - Nutrition Facts Panel

Smart Snacks Decision Chart
Effective July 1, 2019

MUST meet all of the Nutrient Standards for:

1. Calories ≤ 200 Snack/ Side; ≤ 350 Entree
2. Sodium (mg) ≤ 200 Snack/ Side; ≤ 480 Entree
3. Total Fat (≤ 30% calories)
4. Saturated Fat (≤ 10% calories)
5. Trans fat (a) (i)
6. Total sugar (≤ 35% by weight)

1st Ingredient Grain
• ≥ 50% WHOLE GRAIN

OR

1st Ingredient (one of the following)

- FUIT
- VEGETABLE
- DAIRY (yogurt, ice cream, cheese, yogurt)
- MEAT (poultry, eggs, nuts, fish)

AND Snack/ Side/ Entree must be:

OR

A Combination Food
• With 1/4 cup half-vegetable

The Smart Snacks Decision Chart (SSDC) is for use during the school day.
The **Minimum Calorie** and **Total Fat** standards for non-competitive beverages will not be enforced unless the school notifies the vendor by 11:00 a.m. after the start of school. The vendor defines **SSDC** to be sold during the school day.
SSDC Categories of items and ingredients that are acceptable for vending during the school day.
SSDC Label - The food/beverage that do not meet the Smart Snacks criteria, vending can take place from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. after the start of the school day.
For more information on **Beverages on Campus**, visit [OSDE](#) website for more information.
This document is for general informational purposes.



	BEVERAGES			EXEMPTIONS
	ELEM	MIDDLE	HIGH	
Maximum Size for each grade				
WATER <small>Unsweetened</small>	ANY SIZE	ANY SIZE	ANY SIZE	INFANT SECOND - Exempt from nutrient standards; cannot serve any or most days.
MILK <small>Not a 1% reduced fat product</small>	8 oz	12 oz	12 oz	FRUIT/VEGETABLES - Exempt from nutrient standards if FCJ labeled ingredients.
100% JUICE <small>Not a combination</small>	8 oz	12 oz	12 oz	DIET FRUIT/VEGETABLES - Exempt from nutrient standards if FCJ labeled ingredients; sweeteners or added ingredients' necessity for processing (sugar, citric acid).
ZERO CALORIE BEVERAGE <small>Sweetener or artificial sweetener</small>	NOT PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED	20 oz	SEASONED - Exempt from total fat standard.
LOW CALORIE BEVERAGE <small>Sweetener or artificial sweetener</small>	NOT PERMITTED	NOT PERMITTED	12 oz	CHEESE - Exempt from fat and saturated fat standards. Does not apply to combination foods.
				NUTS/NOT BUTTER SPREADS - Exempt from total fat and cholesterol for snacks. Exemption does not apply to combination foods such as peanut butter crackers.
				DIET FOOD WITH NUTS - Exempt from total fat, saturated fat and sugar if no added sugar or fat.

Carbonated beverages are only permitted at the High School Level.



Water Requirements

- Ensure *free* water is available during meal service
- Water in the cafeteria does not have to be bottled; it can be a water fountain in or adjacent to the cafeteria, or water cooler with cups



Review Process

Sponsor

- Answer #1100 off-site questions
- Provide a list of food and beverages sold a la carte
- Provide product documentation for selected items

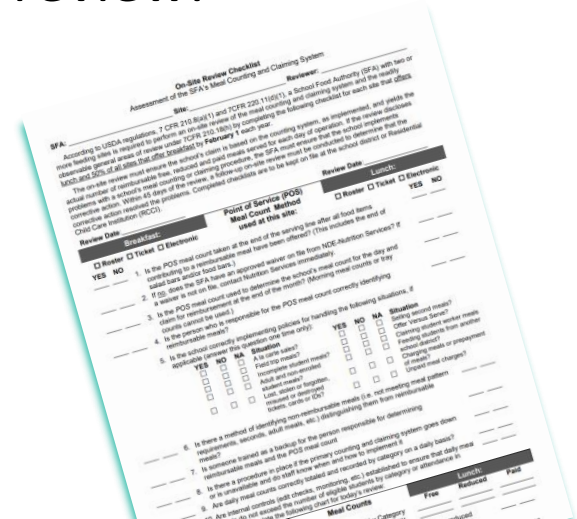
Reviewer

- Review off-site questions
- Select a sample of items for product documentation review



On-Site Monitoring

- Each meal site must be reviewed at least once during the year and must be completed by February 1
- Utilize the [On-Site Review Summary](#) (Attachment I)
- Sponsors with more than one school must review:
 - All sites operating lunch
 - 50% of sites operating breakfast



The image shows a document titled "On-Site Review Checklist" with the subtitle "Assessment of the SPA's Meal Counting and Claiming System". It is a form for reviewing meal sites, with fields for "Review Date:" and "School:" and checkboxes for "Review" and "Claim". The form includes a "Point of Service (POS) Meal Count Method Used at this site:" section with checkboxes for "Breakfast" and "Lunch". It contains several numbered questions regarding POS meal counts, staff training, and meal counting procedures. At the bottom, there is a table for "Meal Counts" with columns for "Free", "Reduced", and "Paid" for both "Breakfast" and "Lunch".

	Free	Reduced	Paid
Breakfast			
Lunch			



Review Process

Sponsor

- Answer #900 off-site questions
- Conduct monitoring visits by February 1st
- Provide site monitoring forms for reviewed sites

Reviewer

- Review off-site questions
- Review site monitoring forms for review sites



Reporting and Record Retention

1 Year (plus current year)

- HACCP records

3 Years (plus current year)

- All program records (production records, monitoring forms, meal counts, etc.)
- Certification documents
- Verification documents



Review Process

Sponsor

- Retain program records
- Provide a sample of records during on-site review

Reviewer

- Verify that all program records are kept for the required timeframe



School Breakfast and Summer Outreach

- Schools must inform households of the availability of breakfast under the School Breakfast Program (SBP) and meals offered through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).



Review Process

Sponsor

- Answer #1600 off-site questions
- Notify households of the breakfast program, if applicable
- Notify households of the availability of the SFSP across the state, even if not applicable at the district

Reviewer

- Review off-site questions



Professional Standards Requirements

- Refer to professional standards minimum hours handout
- Track each staff members' compliance with annual training requirements
- Civil Rights training and tracking is still required for all staff

[Professional Standards – Nebraska Department of Education](#)



Review Process

Sponsor

- Answer #1200 off-site questions
- Provide:
- List of all employees
 - Food safety training for directors/managers
 - Training/tracking tool/method
 - Supporting documentation for completed trainings

Reviewer

- Review off-site questions and supporting documentation

Resource Management

- Maintenance of nonprofit food service account
 - Ensure proper coding
 - Have internal control procedures in place
- Nonprogram Revenue
 - Must track income from second helpings/servings, a la cart, and adult meals
 - A la carte and adult meal prices must cover all costs (general fund cover deficit)
 - Must separate program and nonprogram revenue sources



Review Process

Sponsor

- Complete Resource Management Off-site forms
- Provide additional information & documentation as needed

Reviewer

- Complete risk indicator tool and determine areas requiring a comprehensive review
- Request additional documentation to complete comprehensive review, if applicable



Procurement

All sponsors must have documentation to show how USDA funds are used

- Micropurchase <\$10,000 annually per vendor
 - “Spread the wealth” to all qualified vendors
- Small purchase >\$10,000 & <\$250,000 annually per vendor
 - 3 or more bids where price probably determines purchase
 - Other factors might influence
- Formal procurement >\$250,000 annually per vendor
 - Solicit proposals where many factors are considered, price being most valued



Review Process

Sponsor

- Complete Procurement Off-Site Questions (excel document)
- Submit a Vendor Paid List (VPL) for **SY22-23**, Code of Conduct and Procurement Policies
- Submit invoices, other documentation identified in Off-site questions

Reviewer

- Review invoices and solicitation documentation and complete procurement review
- Provide technical assistance as needed



- FFVP in SY2023-2024:
 - Must operate during the school day
 - CANNOT be provided at the same time as other Child Nutrition Programs/meals
- Keep FFVP items' receipts/invoices
- Track time for staff working in breakfast/lunch and FFVP
 - FFVP time included in FFVP claim must be recorded



Review Process

Sponsor

- “Other Federal Programs” off-site form

Reviewer

- Review program costs documentation (i.e. invoices, time sheets)
- Review production records
- Observe FFVP service



Afterschool Snack Program

- ASP must follow meal pattern requirements & must be documented
- Like NSLP/SBP, maintain a daily meal count based on participant meal eligibility
 - Except for area eligible sites
- Reconcile monthly claim and check for accuracy



Review Process

Sponsor

- “Other Federal Programs” off-site form
- Production records for the review month
- Daily snack counts and program rosters for the review month
- Afterschool Snack Program review forms

Reviewer

- Validate snack counts claimed for review period and day of review
- ASP review form completed within first 4 weeks of service



Post Review

Exit
Conference

Review and correct
findings
collaboratively

If applicable,
Reviewer sends
finding documents

Sponsor completes
corrective actions

Reviewer sends
closing letter

Review closes and
results posted





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