

Child Nutrition Programs In Charter Schools



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Child Nutrition Programs

United States Department of Agriculture

- **National School Lunch Program**
- **School Breakfast Program**
- **Special Milk Program**
- **After School Snack Program**
- **Fresh Fruit/Vegetable Program**
- **Summer Food Service Program**
- **Seamless Summer Option**
- **Child and Adult Care Food Program**
- **Nutrition Education and Training Program**



Child Nutrition Programs Federal Regulation Prohibitions

- ❖ **Institutions cannot participate unless there is a PHYSICAL PLACE where meals will be served**
- ❖ **Institutions that DO NOT serve meals to their students MAY NOT distribute Free/Reduced-Price Applications**

Child Nutrition Programs Items to Think About

- **All Child Nutrition Programs are voluntary.**
- **Does the charter want to offer meals to its students? If so, which meals?**
- **If meals are offered, is each site going to be self-operating or will meals be contracted?**
- **How much will the charter school charge its paying students, adults, and contracted entities?**

Self-Operating or Contract Meals

- **Self-Operating**
 - Prepare and serve meals at the charter school site
- **Contract**
 - May contract with school district participating in Child Nutrition Programs not under a Food Service Management Company (FSMC) contract and federal procurement regulations DO NOT have to be implemented
 - MAY NOT contract with school district under FSMC contract unless the district wants to re-bid its FSMC contract to include charter.
 - May contract with a FSMC directly but federal procurement regulations must be implemented

Participation Requires

- **Completion and Approval of Application/ Agreement/Policy Statement**
- **Distribution and Approval of Free/Reduced Applications**
- **Participation in Direct Certification**
- **Issuance of free/reduced benefits to families**
- **Serving meals which meet requirements**
- **Counting meals by type and by category daily**
- **Record keeping requirements—Daily and Monthly**
- **Numerous Reports**

Funding



- **Year #1:**
 - Federal reimbursement for meals served and claimed for reimbursement
 - Commodity allocation from Department of Human Services—Must give estimated meal counts
- **Year #2:**
 - Sites eligible to apply for After School Snack Program (enrollment is 50% free/reduced eligibles in previous October)
 - Receives State Match funding (based on total lunches served in previous year)
 - Elementary sites eligible to apply for Fresh Fruit/Vegetable Program

Funding, continued



- Year #3:
 - Sites eligible to participate in Severe Need Breakfast (second preceding year—school site serves at least 40% of lunches to free/reduced students)
 - Charter eligible to receive additional 2 cents for lunches served (second preceding year—charter serves 60% of lunches to free/reduced students)

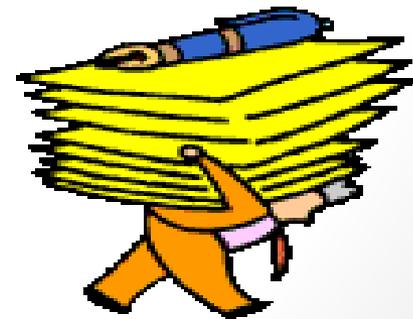
Child Nutrition Funding Deposits



- **Federal reimbursements deposited into account chosen by Charter school**
- **State Match funds deposited into Sponsor's account**

Required Records

- **Renewal Application/Agreement/Policy Statement**
- **Documentation and rosters of eligible students**
- **Daily edit checks by site—Meal counts by meal type and category (Free/Reduced/Paid)**
- **Daily food production records by site**
- **Verification Records**
- **Monthly claims for reimbursement**
- **Monthly inventory by site**
- **Invoices/Receipts**
- **Procurement Plan**
- **Wellness Policy**
- **HACCP Plan**

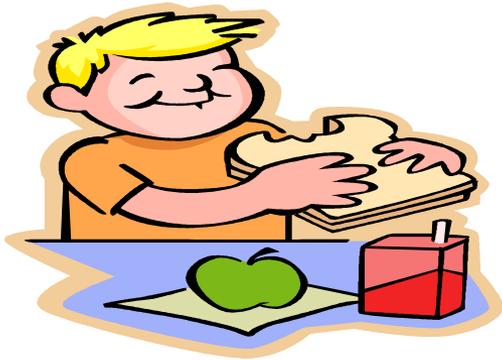


Required Reports

- **Food Safety Inspection Report—Each site pays the Health Department \$100 per year for inspections**
- **Low Income Report**
- **Verification Report**
- **Paid Lunch Equity Report**
- **Non-Program Food Expenditure/Revenue Report**



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NEW MEAL PATTERN REQUIREMENTS

Role of State Department of Education Child Nutrition Programs

- **Technical Assistance**
 - **SDE Web site: Click on “Site Index”; “C”, “Child Nutrition Documents”**
 - **Child Nutrition Contact: 405-521-3327**
- **Approval Visits**
- **Workshops Offered**
- **Review for Compliance**

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