



NC Department of Public Instruction

School Nutrition Services Section

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OBJECTIVES

1. What is the National School Lunch Program?
2. How long is the application process?
3. Identify steps for participating in the federally funded School Nutrition Programs
4. Decisions, decisions... do we want to participate?



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WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM?

The National School Lunch Program is the federally assisted meal program operating in public and nonprofit private schools and residential child care institutions.

Provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to children each school day.



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WHAT OTHER PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED UNDER SCHOOL NUTRITION?

National School Lunch Program (NSLP)

- After School Snack Program
- Seamless Summer Option
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

School Breakfast Program (SBP)

Special Milk Program (SMP)



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HOW LONG IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

The School Nutrition Program application process takes approximately six (6) months to complete.



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STEPS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM

1. Complete Potential School Food Authority (SFA) Interest Form
 - Submit along with School Calendar
2. Create menus, complete menu grids and certification worksheets – submit for approval
3. Catering Contract/Request For Proposal
4. Submit required Technology Access forms
5. Complete and submit required Operations/Management documents for review and approval.



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STEPS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM

6. Complete online Agreement Application process
7. Submit required original signed documents to NCDPI – School Nutrition Services
8. Congratulations! Your School Food Authority is an approved sponsor in the School Nutrition Program!
9. An Operations and Program Management Consultant will be onsite to observe meal services within four (4) weeks of approval.



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WHAT IS THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE?

National School Lunch Program		Less than 60% Includes 6 cents for performance based reimbursement		60% or More Includes 6 cents for performance based reimbursement
Contiguous States	Paid	0.35		0.37
	Reduced-Price	2.73		2.75
	Free	3.13		3.15
School Breakfast Program		Non-Severe Need		Severe Need
Contiguous States	Paid	0.29		0.29
	Reduced-Price	1.36		1.69
	Free	1.66		1.99
Special Milk Program		All Milk	Paid Milk	Free Milk
Pricing Programs Without Free Option		0.20	N/A	N/A
Pricing Programs With Free Option		N/A	0.20	Average Cost Per ½ Pint of Milk
Non-Pricing Programs		0.20	N/A	N/A



DECISIONS.. DECISIONS..

DO WE WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NSLP?



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!



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