



# NC Department of Public Instruction

## School Nutrition Services Section

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# OBJECTIVES

1. What is the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)?
2. How long is the application process?
3. Steps for participating in the federally assisted School Nutrition Programs
4. Reimbursement Rates
5. Professional Standards
6. 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 (ASSP)
- Seamless Summer Option (SSO)
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FF&VP)



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# WHAT OTHER PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED UNDER SCHOOL NUTRITION?

School Breakfast Program (SBP)

Special Milk Program (SMP)

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)



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# HOW LONG IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

The School Nutrition Program application process takes a minimum of 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?

## USDA Reimbursement Rates for Certified School Food Authorities Effective from: July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

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	0.37	0.39	
	Reduced-Price	2.97	2.99	
	Free	3.37	3.39	
School Breakfast Program		Non-Severe Need	Severe Need	
Contiguous States	Paid	0.31	0.31	
	Reduced-Price	1.49	1.84	
	Free	1.79	2.14	
Special Milk Program		All Milk	Paid Milk	Free Milk
Pricing Programs without Free Option		0.2050	N/A	N/A
Pricing Programs with Free Option		N/A	0.2050	Average Cost Per ½ Pint of Milk
Non-Pricing Programs		0.2050	N/A	N/A
After School Snack Program				
Contiguous States	Paid	0.08		
	Reduced-Price	0.45		
	Free	0.91		



# PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL NUTRITION PROFESSIONALS

## USDA Professional Standards

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent educational experience, with academic major in food & nutrition, food service management **and** at least eight hours of food safety training
- Associate's degree or equivalent educational experience, with academic major in food & nutrition, food service management **and** at least one year experience **and** at least eight hours of food safety training



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## **USDA Professional Standards**

High school diploma (or GED) and at least three years of relevant experience in School Nutrition Programs and at least eight hours of food safety training either not more than five years prior to their starting date or completed within 30 days of the employee's start date;

In Local Education Agencies with less than 500 students, the State Agency may approve a candidate that meets the educational standards but has less than three years of experience.



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Additional Information:

NC Department of Public Instruction

<http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/continuing-education/professional-standards>

US Department of Agriculture

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/professional-standards>

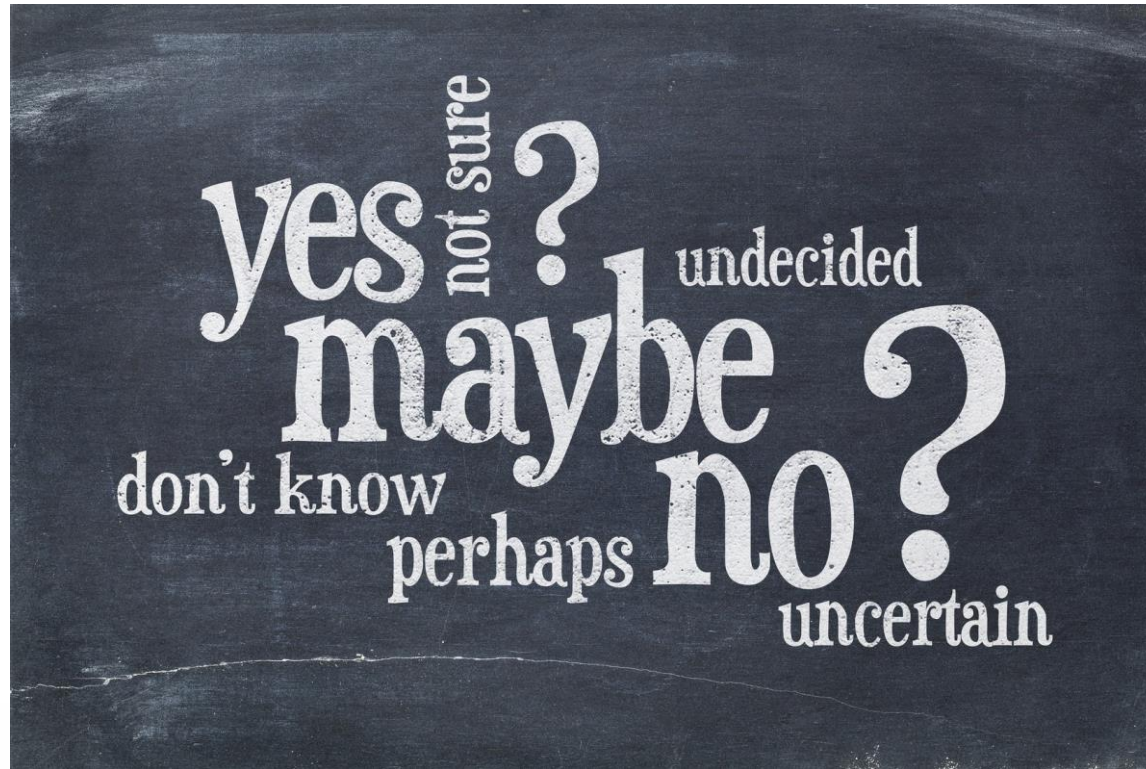


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# DECISIONS.. DECISIONS..

## DO WE WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NSLP?



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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!



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