



# NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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## STATE AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW SUMMARY

Section 207 of the HHFKA amended section 22 of the NSLA (42 U.S.C. 1769c) to require State agencies (SA) to report the results of the administrative review to the public in an accessible, easily understood manner in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the Secretary. Regulations at 7 CFR 210.18(m) requires the SA to post a summary of the most recent final administrative review results for each School Food Authority (SFA) on the SA publicly available website no later than 30 days after the SA provides the results of the administrative review to the SFA. The SA must also make a copy of the final administrative review report available to the public upon request.

**School Food Authority (SFA) Name: Southwest Charlotte STEM Academy**

**SFA Agreement Number: 62J**

**Date of Administrative Review (Entrance Conference Date): June 26, 2023**

**Date review results were provided to the SFA: June 26, 2023**

### General Program Participation

1. What Child Nutrition Programs does the School Food Authority participate in? (Select all that apply)

- ☒ School Breakfast Program
- ☒ National School Lunch Program
- ☐ Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
- ☐ Afterschool Snack
- ☐ Special Milk Program
- ☐ Seamless Summer Option

2. Does the School Food Authority operate under any Special Provisions? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Community Eligibility Provision
- ☐ Special Provision 1
- ☐ Special Provision 2
- ☐ Special Provision 3

### Review Findings

3. Were any findings identified during the review of this School Food Authority?

- ☒ Yes ☐ No

4. Is there fiscal action associated with findings identified during the review of this School Food Authority?

- ☐ Yes ☒ No

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REVIEW FINDINGS		
<b>A. Program Access and Reimbursement</b>		
<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Certification and Benefit Issuance</b> – Validation of the SFA’s certification of students’ eligibility for free or reduced-price meals benefits
Finding Detail:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Verification</b> – Validation of the process used by the SFA to confirm selected students’ eligibility for free and reduced-price meal benefits
Finding Detail:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Meal Counting and Claiming</b> – Validation of the SFA’s meal counting and claiming system that accurately counts, records, consolidates, and reports the number of reimbursable meals claimed by category
Finding Detail:		
<b>B. Meal Patterns and Nutritional Quality</b>		
<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Meal Components and Quantities</b> – Validation that meals claimed for reimbursement contain the required meal components and quantities
Finding Detail:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Offer versus Serve (OVS) (provision that allows students to decline some of the food components offered)</b> – Validation of the SFA’s compliance with OVS requirements, if applicable
Finding Detail:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Dietary Specifications and Nutrient Analysis</b> – Validation that meals offered to children through the School Nutrition programs are consistent with federal standards for calories, saturated fat, sodium, and <i>trans</i> fat
Finding Detail:		
<b>C. School Nutrition Environment</b>		
<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Food Safety</b> – Validation that all selected schools meet the food safety and storage requirements, and comply with the Buy American provisions specified by the regulations
Finding Detail:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Local School Wellness Policy</b> – Review of the SFA’s established Local School Wellness Policy
Finding Detail:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Competitive Foods</b> – Validation of the SFA’s compliance with regulations for all food and beverages to students outside of the reimbursable meal
Finding Detail:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Professional Standards</b> – Validation of the SFA’s compliance with required hiring standards and annual training requirements
Finding Detail:		
<b>D. Civil Rights</b>		
<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Civil Rights</b> – Validation of the SFA’s compliance with civil rights requirements as applicable to the School Nutrition Programs

Finding Detail:

**E. Resource Management**

**YES**

**NO**



**Resource Management** – Validation of the SFA's compliance with overall financial health of the School Nutrition Program

Finding: During the review of cash management, the following issues were noted:

- Multiple cashiers were using the same Point of Service/Sale register and they did not have an acceptable receipting method used each time money changes hands;
- School Nutrition Staff were unsure if bank deposits were always made when the total amount reached two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) and/or on the last day of the month as outlined in their cash management procedure; and
- The School Nutrition Manager and Staff were not counting money in a secure location.



**Other – Procurement**

Finding Detail: In the review of the produce solicitation, the following issues were noted:

- The solicitation was a Request for Proposal (RFP) with pricing having the highest points in scoring. However, one (1) vendor did not bid on all items, and it appears these totals were included in the final totals.
- No language was stated in the contract if a vendor did not supply pricing on an item.
- Final scoring sheets could not be located as part of the solicitation documents.

The Milk and Produce Request for Proposals for the 2021-2022 school year was not advertised in a major publication.