



# 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: Lincoln County Schools**

**SFA Agreement Number: 550**

**Date of Administrative Review (Entrance Conference Date): January 26, 2026**

**Date review results were provided to the SFA: February 16, 2026**

### 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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<b>REVIEW FINDINGS</b>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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
<p>Finding Detail: The School Food Authority (SFA) is not fully compliant with USDA meal counting and claiming requirements for Pre-K student meals. During the Administrative Review, it was observed that meals for Pre-K students were claimed for reimbursement at the electronic Point of Sale (POS) system prior to the students receiving the reimbursable meal in the classroom.</p> <p>USDA regulations at 7 CFR 210.8(a)(2) require that SFAs have an accurate meal counting and claiming system in place at the point of service, defined as the point at which it can be determined that a reimbursable meal has been served to an eligible student. Claiming meals before service does not ensure that each claimed meal meets reimbursable meal requirements and increases the risk of meals being claimed that were not actually served.</p> <p>As a result, the current process does not adequately ensure the accuracy and integrity of meal counts for Pre-K students, as required for federal reimbursement under the National School Lunch Program.</p>		

<b>B. Meal Patterns and Nutritional Quality</b>		
<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Meal Components and Quantities</b> – Validation that meals claimed for reimbursement contain the required meal components and quantities
<p>Finding Detail: The Afterschool Snack Program (ASSP) menu does not comply with the final School Nutrition Program meal pattern regulations effective July 1, 2025. Review of the menu indicated that grain-based desserts were offered as part of the snack. Under current USDA regulations, grain-based desserts do not credit toward the grain component and are not allowable as a creditable grain in the ASSP.</p> <p>As written and implemented, the menu does not meet ASSP meal pattern requirements. To achieve compliance, the School Food Authority (SFA) must revise the afterschool snack menu to remove grain-based desserts and ensure all offered items meet the creditable component requirements for the Afterschool Snack Program.</p>		
<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:		
<b>E. Resource Management</b>		
<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Resource Management</b> – Validation of the SFA’s compliance with overall financial health of the School Nutrition Program
Finding Detail:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other</b> –
Finding Detail:		