



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: Matthews Charter Academy

SFA Agreement Number: 61R

Date of Administrative Review (Entrance Conference Date): March 18, 2024

Date review results were provided to the SFA: March 20, 2024

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		
A. Program Access and Reimbursement		
YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Certification and Benefit Issuance – Validation of the SFA’s certification of students’ eligibility for free or reduced-price meals benefits
Finding Detail:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Verification – Validation of the process used by the SFA to confirm selected students’ eligibility for free and reduced-price meal benefits
Finding Detail: When letters of adverse action were sent to the households, the households were given an extended amount of time to initiate the appeal process, which was well over the ten (10) day required notification of adverse action. Additionally, the households were not given ten (10) days prior notice before initiating a reduction of benefits.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Meal Counting and Claiming – 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. Meal Patterns and Nutritional Quality		
YES	NO	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Meal Components and Quantities – Validation that meals claimed for reimbursement contain the required meal components and quantities
Finding Detail: The recipe for the Grilled Chicken Wrap that was printed and available for site staff did not reflect how the staff prepared the menu item on the day of review. The recipe included raw chicken thighs as an ingredient, but the staff used precooked grilled chicken.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Offer versus Serve (OVS) (provision that allows students to decline some of the food components offered) – Validation of the SFA’s compliance with OVS requirements, if applicable
Finding Detail:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dietary Specifications and Nutrient Analysis – 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:		
C. School Nutrition Environment		
YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Food Safety – 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"/>	Local School Wellness Policy – Review of the SFA’s established Local School Wellness Policy
Finding Detail:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Competitive Foods – 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"/>	Professional Standards – Validation of the SFA’s compliance with required hiring standards and annual training requirements
Finding Detail:		
D. Civil Rights		
YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Civil Rights – Validation of the SFA’s compliance with civil rights requirements as applicable to the School Nutrition Programs

Finding Detail:		
E. Resource Management		
YES	NO	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Resource Management – Validation of the SFA’s compliance with overall financial health of the School Nutrition Program
Finding: The non-profit School Nutrition account for all schools reviewed incurred bad debt from uncollected meal charges for the 2022-2023 school year. Bad debt must be repaid to the School Nutrition account from local funds on or before September 30th each year. The meal charges/bad debt amount is \$128.65.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other – Procurement
Finding Detail: There is currently not a manager onsite/designated to oversee the food service management contract. This position would ensure all areas of the food service management contract are met as well as all the requirements of the School Nutrition Program.		