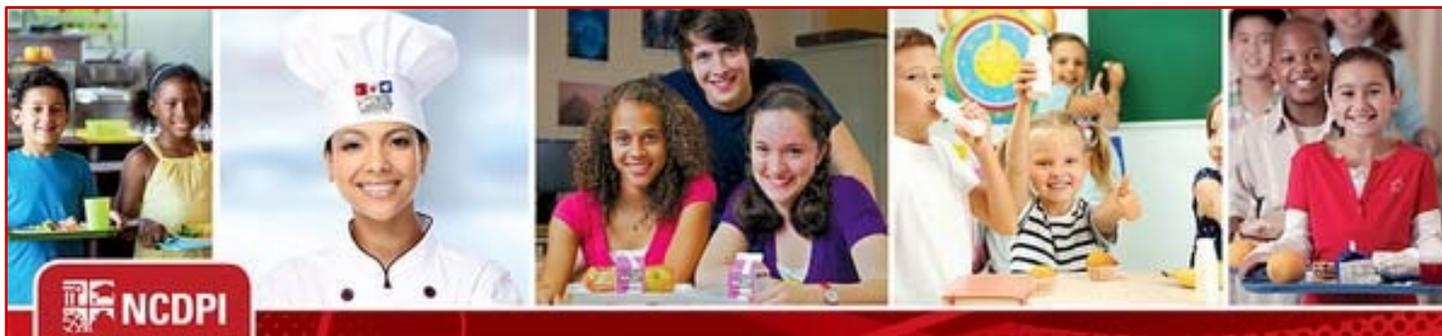


School Nutrition Update

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Program Operations Information

Plan to Complete RACE Online

Your organization's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Contact, Primary Authorized Representative and Claims Contact have been automatically registered for the required RACE Online course. Remember that any two administrative staff members from your organization must complete the RACE Online course by April 16, 2021. If you have other staff members you would like to complete this course, they can enroll by contacting Debbie Crawford at [djcrowfo@ncsu.edu](mailto:djcrawfo@ncsu.edu).

This is an online self-paced training with content hosted in Moodle through N.C. State University (NCU). To access this course, please follow these steps:

1. Log in using your email address (Brickyard Login) at <https://reporter.ncsu.edu/>.
2. Once logged in, find the title of the course under Upcoming Courses.
3. Click the blue Access Online Content button to launch the course.

If you have registration questions or issues, please contact the NCSU program assistant, Debbie Crawford, at [djcrowfo@ncsu.edu](mailto:djcrawfo@ncsu.edu).

Find Your Spot to Get Your Shot

North Carolina's goal is to get everyone vaccinated as quickly, safely, and equitably as possible. Free COVID-19 vaccinations are now available for front-line personnel involved in food, transportation, and other areas. Learn about vaccine safety and effectiveness, find your vaccine group and your local vaccination center, and keep up with the most current information from the [N.C. Department of Health and Human Services](#).



Submit Questions to be Answered During the Wednesday Webinars

Please submit any questions you have for the Wednesday Briefing for School Food Authorities (SFAs) via the [online form](#). Answer the first two questions and then enter your questions one question per box. If you have more than ten questions, please click on the link to the form and submit your additional questions.

School Nutrition Spotlight

Recognize All Our #NCSchoolHeroes with Henderson County Public Schools

Henderson County Public Schools are recognizing that a variety of heroes teach, feed, drive and care for their students. The school system has posted signs recognizing these #NCSchoolHeroes at 22 of their school sites across the county. What a great idea! Thank you for recognizing our heroes that care for our students every day. #HeroesWorkHere



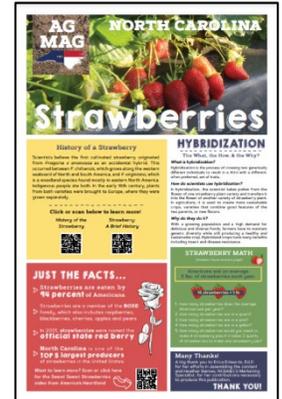
Submit a School Nutrition Spotlight

We love lifting up our #NCSchoolNutritionHeroes! If you know of a North Carolina School Nutrition team or professional that has received an award, honor or other recognition or should be spotlighted, please share for an upcoming School Nutrition Spotlight. Please send details to Tracey Bates, tracey.bates@dpi.nc.gov.

Nutrition Education & Promotion

Use and Share Ag Mags

Did you know that the N.C. Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom offers Ag Mags on North Carolina crops? Ag Mags are currently available on strawberries, sweet potatoes and pork, with more in the works. The Ag Mags offer agriculture and nutrition facts about these North Carolina crops along with recipes, snapshots of related career opportunities and more. You can read and download the Ag Mags for free from the N.C. Ag in the Classroom [website](#). You can also order printed copies of Ag Mags in sets of 25. The Ag Mag sets can be purchased and shipped within North Carolina for \$5.00. Please email N.C. Ag in the Classroom Assistant Director, Heather Willoughby, at heather.willoughby@ncfb.org, to order.



Take the USDA Breakfast Bite Challenge for NSBW

In recognition of National School Breakfast Week (NSBW) March 8-12, the USDA Southeast Regional Office (SERO) is issuing a Breakfast Bite Challenge to all State Agencies and School Food Authorities (SFAs) in the Southeast. Like the Apple Crunch in the fall, State Agencies, SFA and school students and staff are invited to grab a breakfast fruit or vegetable of choice and prepare to take a bite with us. All are encouraged to participate by setting a time to “Take a Bite” during NSBW as part of the Breakfast Bite Challenge.



Participants are encouraged to share their Breakfast Bite Challenge photos and videos with NCDPI and USDA SERO. Please provide your Breakfast Bite Challenge photos, videos or other submissions to Tracey Bates at Tracey.Bates@dpi.nc.gov. Completed and signed permission forms are required to allow NCDPI and USDA to use any Breakfast Bite Challenge photos or videos. A media use and release permission form is provided at the end of this School Nutrition Update. Send completed and signed release forms with the submissions. Please remember to follow food safety and COVID-19 guidelines in planning and conducting your promotions. We look forward to your submissions and participation in the challenge as a way to highlight the important roles that nutritious school breakfast meals play in fueling students for success!

Job Opportunity

Apply for Registered Dietitian Position with Cabarrus County Schools

Cabarrus County Schools is accepting applications for a School Nutrition Registered Dietitian position. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in food science or nutrition/dietetics (master's degree preferred),

ServSafe® certification, experience in a food service operation (School Nutrition Program experience preferred), and a minimum of 3-5 years management experience required. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Continuing Education

Learn How to Go Local Virtually with Berry Sweet Lessons - 3/16, 4 pm ET

Join the N.C. Ag in the Classroom on March 16 at 4 pm ET for a virtual workshop on tips and tricks to adapt and use the Strawberry Ag Mag and lesson resources for the virtual classroom. [Register here.](#)

Register for the SNA Webinar: School Nutrition, Food Allergies & Food Insecurity in the Pandemic - 3/17, 3 pm ET

Join the School Nutrition Association on March 17 at 3 pm ET for a webinar on food allergies. In this session, speakers will review the basics of food allergy management during the pandemic based on expert guidance, address the intersection of food insecurity and food allergies, and speak to the role of the School Nutrition team. [Learn more and register here.](#)

Participate in the UNC Farm to Institution Series

The University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health is hosting a Farm to Institution virtual educational series this month. The sessions will cover Farm to Early Childhood and Primary Education, Farm to Community and Higher Education, Farm to Outreach, Farm to Hospital and Farm to Correctional Facilities. Some of our North Carolina School Nutrition and Farm to School experts are presenting as part of the series. If interested in listening in, please register [here](#). If you are unable to participate live, presentation recordings will be available to registrants after each session.

Access Virtual Training Opportunities

The Institute for Child Nutrition (ICN) has compiled [resources to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus](#). Online food safety/HACCP training is available on the NCDPI, School Nutrition [website](#) and the ICN [website](#). Additional continuing education resources are available on the School Nutrition [website](#) from NCDPI, ICN, the School Nutrition Association and other agencies and organizations. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics offers [COVID-19 professional resources](#) for Registered Dietitians/Nutritionists (RDNs) and Dietetic Technicians, Registered (DTRs), and [continuing professional education resources](#).

Questions

If you have any questions regarding these updates, please reach out to your regional consultants. Contact information for your Zone teams can be found [here](#).

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- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Breakfast Bite Challenge

In recognition of National School Breakfast Week (NSBW) March 8-12, 2021 the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is issuing a Breakfast Bite Challenge to all State Agencies and school districts in the Southeast, including the N.C. Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI). School students and staff are invited to grab a breakfast fruit or vegetable of choice and prepare to take a bite with us as part of the Breakfast Bite Challenge.

Participants are encouraged to share their Breakfast Bite Challenge photos and videos with us. USDA, NCDPI and the N.C. State Board of Education (NCSBE) use student and adult photographs, video, and voice recordings for many purposes. Internally, these materials may appear in print, on our Web sites (as photos, videos, and/or podcasts), and/or in presentations. The news media – both in print and online – may use them in school-related news coverage, in productions aired on television and/or the Web, or in similar forms of communication/media.



This form allows you as a parent/guardian or adult to choose whether or not you/your child may appear in any of these various media formats and illustrations used by USDA, NCDPI, NCSBE and/or the news media.

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Minor's Parent/Guardian or Adult's Signature

Parent/Guardian or Adult's Printed Name

Student's Name (if applicable)

Date of Signature

Student's Local Education Agency ("School System")

YES NO

I allow my child's/ward's name to be used.

My Physical Address

Apartment/Unit Number

NC

City

State

ZIP Code

Phone Number

Please return this completed form to:

Tracey Bates | NCDPI, School Nutrition and District Operations,
tracey.bates@dpi.nc.gov