



State of Arizona
Department of Education

CN# 14-13
USDA SP# 10-2012 REVISED (4R)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Sponsors of the National School Lunch Program

FROM: Mary Szafranski, Deputy Associate Superintendent
Arizona Department of Education, Health and Nutrition Services

Cara Peczkowski, Director
Arizona Department of Education, School Nutrition Programs

DATE: October 18, 2012

SUBJECT: Child Nutrition Reauthorization 2010 Questions and Answers on the Final Rule,
“Nutrition Standards in the NSLP and SBP” (3rd Revision)

Original Signed

Attached are Questions & Answers on the final rule to update the school meals offered under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, as required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. This guidance addresses the final rule overall, and includes questions on general and specific aspects of the new meal requirements. This document is updated periodically to issue additional Questions & Answers as they arise during the implementation of the new meal requirements.

This revision includes a Table of Contents (the PDF bookmarks each section), as well as revised or new Questions & Answers. In addition, two sections (“Miscellaneous” and “Compliance”) were deleted and their content moved to other sections. Also, each section begins its own set of numbering. The revisions are identified in italic letters in the PDF, as previously done, and a summary of the changes to each section is provided below:

General:

- Added questions number 1 and 6
 1. Adding support to why the Meal Pattern adopting is important
 6. Previously listed under “Miscellaneous”

Fruits and Vegetables:

- Revised questions number 8, 20, 21



- 8. Fruits and Vegetables as a la carte items
- 20. Frozen fruit products with added sugar
- 21. Dried fruit as a la carte item

- Added questions number 39 to 44
 - 39. Salad Bar POS
 - 40. Documentation for vegetable blends
 - 41. Counting juice when many forms are offered the same day
 - 42. Crediting juice concentrate
 - 43. Locally- canned foods in school meals
 - 44. Serving same vegetable daily, while still meeting weekly sub-group requirements

Meat/Meat Alternate:

- Added question number 8
 - 8. Explaining why M/MA min/max

Grains:

- Revised questions number 2 and 13
 - 2. Further defining 50 percent guideline for grains
 - 13. Whole grain as a la carte items
- Added questions number 21 to 24
 - 21. Non-creditable grains
 - 22. Crediting creditable grains
 - 23. Identifying grain-based desserts
 - 24. Fortified Ready to Eat (RTE) cereal

Milk:

- Revised questions number 1 and 3
 - 1. Pre-K (ages 3-4) milk requirement
 - 3. Milk requirements for other school meal programs
- Added question number 4
 - 4. RCCI milk variety

Calories:

- Revised question number 2
 - 2. Additional calories for specific students
- Added question number 3
 - 3. Explaining why calorie min/max

Menu Planning:

- Revised questions number 5, 6, and 9
 - 5. Extra “non-creditable” food after POS
 - 6. Second servings/second meals



9. Leftovers

- Added questions number 10 to 15
 10. Charging for additional servings
 11. Vegetable variety
 12. “Creditable food” after the POS
 13. Beverages after the POS
 14. Creative Menu Planning
 15. Centralized menus

Age/Grade Groups:

- Added question number 3
 3. How to menu plan for grades 7-12

Nutrient Analysis:

- Added questions 3, 4 and 5
 3. Previously listed under “Compliance”
 4. Previously listed under “Compliance”
- Added question number 6
 6. How to count self-served items

Crediting:

- Added questions number 8 to 13
 8. Peanuts and peanut butter
 9. Non-creditable M/MA and grains
 10. Unrecognizable foods
 11. Unrecognizable vegetable subgroups
 12. Pureed beans in a mixed dish
 13. Pureed beans in a dessert

Other Child Nutrition Programs: (previously titled “Summer Meals”)

- Revised and added question number 6
 6. Previously listed under “Miscellaneous”

These Questions & Answers and other materials related to the new meal requirements are available on the ADE webpage: <http://www.azed.gov/health-nutrition/meal-pattern/>.

Please contact your Child Nutrition Program Specialist at ADE with questions concerning this guidance. Your specialist can be found at the top of your Sponsor Application on CNP Web Common Logon.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

