



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Health and Nutrition Services Division

Administrative Review Summary Report

School Food Authority Name: Daisy Education Corporation dba Sonoran Science Academy

CTD: 10-86-66

Site: Sonoran Science Academy - Tucson

Contacts: Katrina Thandi, NSLP Director and Faith Karatas, Superintendent

Review Date: March 27, 2025

Exit Conference Date: March 27, 2025

Review Period: February 2025

Programs Reviewed:

☒ National School Lunch

☐ School Breakfast

☐ Afterschool Snack

☐ Fresh Fruit & Vegetable

☐ Special Milk

☐ At-Risk Afterschool Meals

| No. | Review Observations & Findings | Technical Assistance Provided | Required Corrective Action |
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| Performance Standard 1: Certification and Benefit Issuance – Critical Area | | | |
| 1 | Student eligibility certification was incorrectly determined. Specifically, one application with 4 students was certified as free when reported income exceeded the income eligibility guidelines. Additionally, one application with 4 students was certified as reduced when reported income exceeded the income eligibility guidelines. | Discussed errors found and required corrective action. Referred to Processing Applications, Reviewing Applications Based on Income, Assessing Completeness of Categorically Eligible Applications, Determining Eligibility for Categorically Eligible Applications sections in USDA's Eligibility Manual for School Meals found on ADE's website at https://www.azed.gov/hns/nslp under the Guidance Manuals accordion. Required completing the training: Step-by-Step Instruction: How to Process Household Applications found on ADE's website at https://www.azed.gov/hns/nslp/training under the Online Training Library accordion. | <i>Corrections have been made to certification errors. Please describe the process that will be implemented to reduce the amount of errors that occur while determining the eligibility status for each student. Additionally, the certificate of completion of Step-by-Step Instruction: How to Process Household Applications must be submitted.</i> |
| Performance Standard 1: Meal Counting and Claiming – Critical Area | | | |
| No findings. | | | |
| Performance Standard 2: Meal Components & Quantities – Critical Area | | | |
| No findings. | | | |
| Performance Standard 2: Dietary Specifications and Nutrient Analysis – Critical Area | | | |
| No findings. | | | |
| Meal Access & Reimbursement: Certification and Benefit Issuance | | | |
| No findings. | | | |
| Meal Access & Reimbursement: Verification | | | |
| No findings. | | | |
| Meal Access & Reimbursement: Meal Counting and Claiming | | | |

No findings.

Meal Pattern & Nutritional Quality: Offer Versus Serve

No findings.

Meal Pattern & Nutritional Quality: Meal Components and Quantities

No findings.

Resource Management

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| 2 | The SFA did not increase paid lunch prices as required by the Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) Tool and has no plans to use non-Federal funds to support charging a lower paid lunch price. | Discussed that SFAs that do not qualify for PLE exemption must complete a PLE Tool to determine the paid lunch price requirement. Additionally, discussed that SFAs are not required to raise their paid lunch price by more than 10 cents per year and that non-Federal funds can be used to support charging a lower paid lunch price. | Please provide documentation to support that paid lunch prices have been increased to the required amount or documentation to support that non-Federal funds are being transferred into the nonprofit school food service account to cover the difference in the required price and the paid lunch price charged. |
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General Program Compliance: Civil Rights

No findings.

General Program Compliance: SFA On-Site Monitoring

Not Applicable.

General Program Compliance: Local Wellness Policy

No findings.

General Program Compliance: Competitive Food Services

No findings.

General Program Compliance: Professional Standards

No findings.

General Program Compliance: Water

No findings.

General Program Compliance: Food Safety, Storage and Buy American

No findings.

General Program Compliance: Reporting and Recordkeeping

No findings.

General Program Compliance: School Breakfast Program and Summer Food Service Program Outreach

No findings.

Other Federal Program Reviews: Afterschool Snack Program

Not Applicable.

Other Federal Program Reviews: Seamless Summer Option

Will be reviewed in Summer 2025 if applicable.

Other Federal Program Reviews: Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

Not Applicable.

Other Federal Program Reviews: Special Milk Program

Not Applicable.

Other Federal Program Reviews: At-Risk Afterschool Meals

Not Applicable.

Comments/Recommendations:

Congratulations! Daisy Education Corporation dba Sonoran Science Academy - Tucson has completed the administrative review for the 2024-2025 school year. Thank you for your hospitality, organization, and sense of urgency during the review process. Your team works marvelously together in order to do an outstanding job implementing the Child Nutrition Programs. It is evident that you are working hard to ensure your students are fed healthy, delicious meals in a supportive environment.

To stay on track with NSLP requirements, check out the NSLP at a Glance Calendar & Monthly Checklist on our website at <https://www.azed.gov/hns/nslp/forms> under the Calendars and Checklists tab.

Training: In-person classes, web-based training, and how-to guides can be found on ADE's website at <https://www.azed.gov/hns/nslp/training>.

Fiscal Action Assessed?

☒ No- SBP ☐ Yes- SBP
☒ No- NSLP ☐ Yes- NSLP \$256.64

Fiscal Action under \$600 will be disregarded.

Please submit corrective action response by June 18, 2025 to Liz McLaughlin Liz.McLaughlin@azed.gov. The response must be on organizational letterhead and signed by an authorized representative and must indicate that corrective actions will be implemented SFA-wide.

Reviewer Signature Date

If you disagree with any finding that affects the claim for reimbursement, you may appeal the decision by following the [School Food Authority Appeal Procedure for the Administrative Review](#) found under the Reviews Conducted by the State Agency accordion on ADE's National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program webpage.

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