

Staying on Track

June 2025



Health and Nutrition Services
Arizona Department of Education



Intended Audience

This training is intended for School Food Authorities (SFAs) operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) in Arizona.



TRAINING HOURS

Information to include when documenting this training for Professional Standards:

Training Title: June Staying on Track

Key Areas: 1000 - Nutrition, 3000 - Administration, 4000 - Communications and Marketing

Learning Codes: 1170, 3130, 3230, 3340, 3150, 4120, 4140, 4150

Length: 1 hour

Presenter: Jennifer Blankenship



Disclaimer

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OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Review monthly communication distributed from HNS to ensure vital emails were not overlooked;
- ✓ Provide detailed training on important topics and deadlines;
- ✓ Provide directors an opportunity to submit questions, that ADE can expand on in later communications.

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help!

We are here to provide assistance and help you make the very best of your program.



Questions

- Questions can be submitted in the Q&A at any point, and HNS will respond in the follow-up document that will be released after the webinar.
- Once the webinar concludes, HNS will compile all the questions received and create a follow-up Q&A document that will address all questions.
- If you require additional assistance following HNS's communication, please reach out to your HNS Specialist through HelpDesk.



Agenda

Section 1: HNS Communications Recap

Section 2: Communication Hot Topics

Section 3: Last Month's Training Opportunities

Section 4: Upcoming Deadlines and HNS Communications

SECTION 1
May HNS
Communications
Round-Up



Memorandums



MEMORANDUM: SP 13-2025, CACFP 10-2025, SFSP 06-2025: FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTENSIONS ACT, 2025: EFFECT ON CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

This memorandum provides notice to Child Nutrition Program operators regarding the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025. This applies to State agencies administering, and local organizations operating, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), child nutrition programs.



SP 12-2025: PAID LUNCH EQUITY: GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026

This memorandum provides guidance to State agencies and school food authorities (SFAs) on the paid lunch equity (PLE) requirements for school year (SY) 2025-2026. This memorandum explains the paid lunch equity PLE exemption provided in Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act. This memorandum also provides guidance for SFAs that do not qualify for the exemption.

Announcements and Resources



AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM OPPORTUNITY FOR SFSP/SSO OPERATORS

The Arizona Farm Bureau's Agriculture in the Classroom program is an option for operators of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or Seamless Summer Option (SSO) this summer. This offers support to operators by providing helpful resources, additional education, and enrichment activities to help draw more participants to their sites. If schools are interested in this program, they can visit their website Agriculture in the Classroom or contact them directly at scheduleaitc@azfb.org.



THREE ARIZONA SCHOOL NUTRITION PROFESSIONALS RECOGNIZED BY SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION

Join the Arizona Department of Education Health and Nutrition Services in congratulating three Arizona School Nutrition professionals who were recognized by the [School Nutrition Association](#) (SNA) for their excellent work they do for their schools and communities!

Director of the Year - Jennifer Gordon, Director of Laveen School District

Southwest Region Manager of the Year - Pamela Sosa, Nutrition Services Manager for Playa Del Rey Elementary School in Gilbert Public Schools

Southwest Employee of the Year - Lavette Hutchinson from Gilbert Public Schools

Deadlines



FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM END OF PY24-25 SURVEY DUE JUNE 30, 2025

All Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) operators are required to complete the FFVP End of Year Survey by Monday, June 30. Survey responses will be used to determine eligibility for the BRAVOcado! Excellence Awards.



APPLICATIONS FOR PROVISION 2/3 BASE YEAR AND CEP DUE JUNE 30, 2025

SFAs wishing to apply for a Special Provision Option (Provision 2, Provision 3, or CEP) in SY 2025-26 must submit a complete Special Provision Option Application packet to HNS by June 30.

Quiz Time

When are applications due for Provision 2/3 and CEP?

- A** June 1, 2025
- B** July 1, 2025
- C** June 30, 2025
- D** September 30, 2025



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C June 30, 2025

D September 30, 2025

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SECTION 2
Hot Topics



Submit SY 2024-2025 Claim(s) Now!

REDUCED-PRICE MEAL SUBSIDY EXPIRES

The reduced-price meal subsidy for SY 2024-2025 is expiring. **All reimbursement claims** for SY 2024-2025 should be submitted prior to **June 22, 2025**, in order to be processed in time to receive the subsidy.

Should June operations not exceed more than 10 days, the May and June claims can be combined. Per 7 CFR 210.8 (c)(1) At the end of the school term, May and June claims may be combined if not more than 10 days of program operation occurred in June. June claims that exceed 10 days and cannot be combined with May claims will not receive the reduced-price subsidy payment.

Any one-time exception claims submitted, or reimbursement holds released after June 22, 2025, will not get paid the reduced-price subsidy payment.



CEP Annual Timeline

April 1

SFAs determine identified student and enrollment counts

April 15

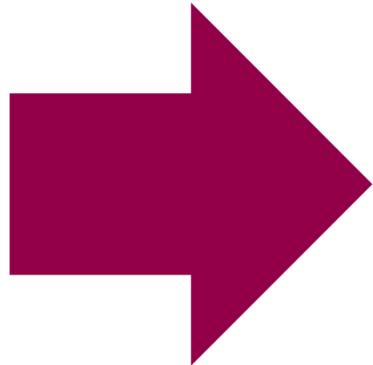
Deadline for LEAs to submit identified student and enrollment counts to ADE for each site within CNP Direct Certification in ADEConnect 'CEP Data Collection'

May 1

ADE publishes a site level notification list of all eligible and near eligible CEP sites

June 30

CEP application and supporting documentation are due to ADE



Paid Lunch Equity

WHY PAID LUNCH EQUITY MATTERS

School Food Authorities (SFAs) involved in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) are required to establish prices for paid lunches at a price, that is on average, equal to the difference between free meal reimbursement and paid meal reimbursement. This obligation can be fulfilled either through charging for paid meals or through non-Federal contributions made to the non-profit school food service account.

PLE guarantees that:

- Schools do not charge less for meals than the actual production costs.
- Federal funds designated for free and reduced-price lunches do not subsidize meals for paying students.
- Schools have the necessary funding to provide nutritious meals to all students.

Paid Lunch Equity

ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS

All School Food Authorities (SFAs), regardless of their current lunch prices, are required to conduct an annual review of their paid lunch prices to comply with the Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) requirement by using the USDA Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) Tool for the current year. **However, certain SFAs are NOT required to complete the Annual PLE Tool.**

School Food Authorities (SFAs) that are not required to complete the Annual PLE Tool include:

- SFAs that qualify for the school year 2025-2026 PLE exemption;
- Community Eligibility Provision schools;
- Non-pricing programs such as Provision 2 schools.



Paid Lunch Equity

QUALIFYING FOR THE SY 2025-2026 PLE EXEMPTION



Exempt

SFAs with a **positive or zero balance** in the nonprofit school food service account as of June 30, 2024, are exempt from PLE pricing requirements for SY 2025-2026. This can be shown with their current Annual Financial Report (AFR).



Not Exempt

SFAs that do not qualify for the PLE exemption due to a **negative balance** in the nonprofit school food service account as of June 30, 2024, **must follow PLE requirements** when establishing their paid lunch prices for SY 2025-2026.

OPTIONAL TOOL FOR EXEMPT SFAS

While not required, exempt SFAs may choose to use USDA's PLE tool to complete the steps necessary to determine their target SY 25-26 paid lunch price and adjust their paid lunch prices accordingly.

Paid Lunch Equity

GUIDANCE FOR SY 2025-2026 PAID LUNCH PRICING

- SFAs may use the prices they last charged students as the basis for their SY 2025-2026 paid lunch price calculation, even if those prices were charged during a year the SFA was not required to comply with PLE requirements.
- If an SFA did not charge for meals during SY 2024-2025, such as an SFA that operated the Community Eligibility Provision, or Provisions 2 or 3 and is returning to standard counting and claiming in SY 2025-2026, they may use the most recent paid lunch price data as the basis for its SY 2025-2026 paid lunch calculation.
- SFAs are not required to raise their paid lunch price by more than 10 cents for SY 2025-2026 from the last year they charged for paid lunches. SFAs can still choose to raise the price by more than **10 cents.**

Quiz Time

What is needed to be exempt from this year's PLE requirement?

- A** A zero or positive balance in the non-profit food service account as of June 30, 2024.
- B** A negative balance in the non-profit food service account.
- C** PLE requirements are waived for all SFAs this year.
- D** All SFAs are required to raise paid lunch prices this year.



Quiz Time

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- B** A negative balance in the non-profit food service account.
- C** PLE requirements are waived for all SFAs this year.
- D** All SFAs are required to raise paid lunch prices this year.

SFAs must show a zero or positive balance in their non-profit food service account to be exempt from PLE requirements this year. This can be shown with the Annual Financial Report (AFR).



SUN Bucks Household Application

BENEFIT ISSUANCE

Households with SUN Bucks eligible children will receive an EBT card with \$120 total for purchasing groceries in the summer months. Households on an active SNAP/TANF case will receive funds on their current EBT card. Benefits distribution has begun.

Funds are subject to expungement at four months (122 days) after benefits are made available.

SUN Bucks parent hotline/phone number:
833-648-4406

SUN Bucks email address:
SUNBucks@azed.gov

SUN Bucks website for households:
<https://www.azed.gov/SUNBucks>

Understanding SUN Bucks

ARIZONA SCHOOLS GUIDE TO SUN BUCKS

No Kid Hungry | Center for Best Practices provided a very informative webinar and outreach kit for school staff to help understand and spread the word about SUN Bucks. A recording of the webinar and slides [can be found here](#).

There is also a [Fact Sheet for School Staff](#) that provides information on how SUN Bucks works, understanding eligibility, things to keep in mind, and additional helpful resources.

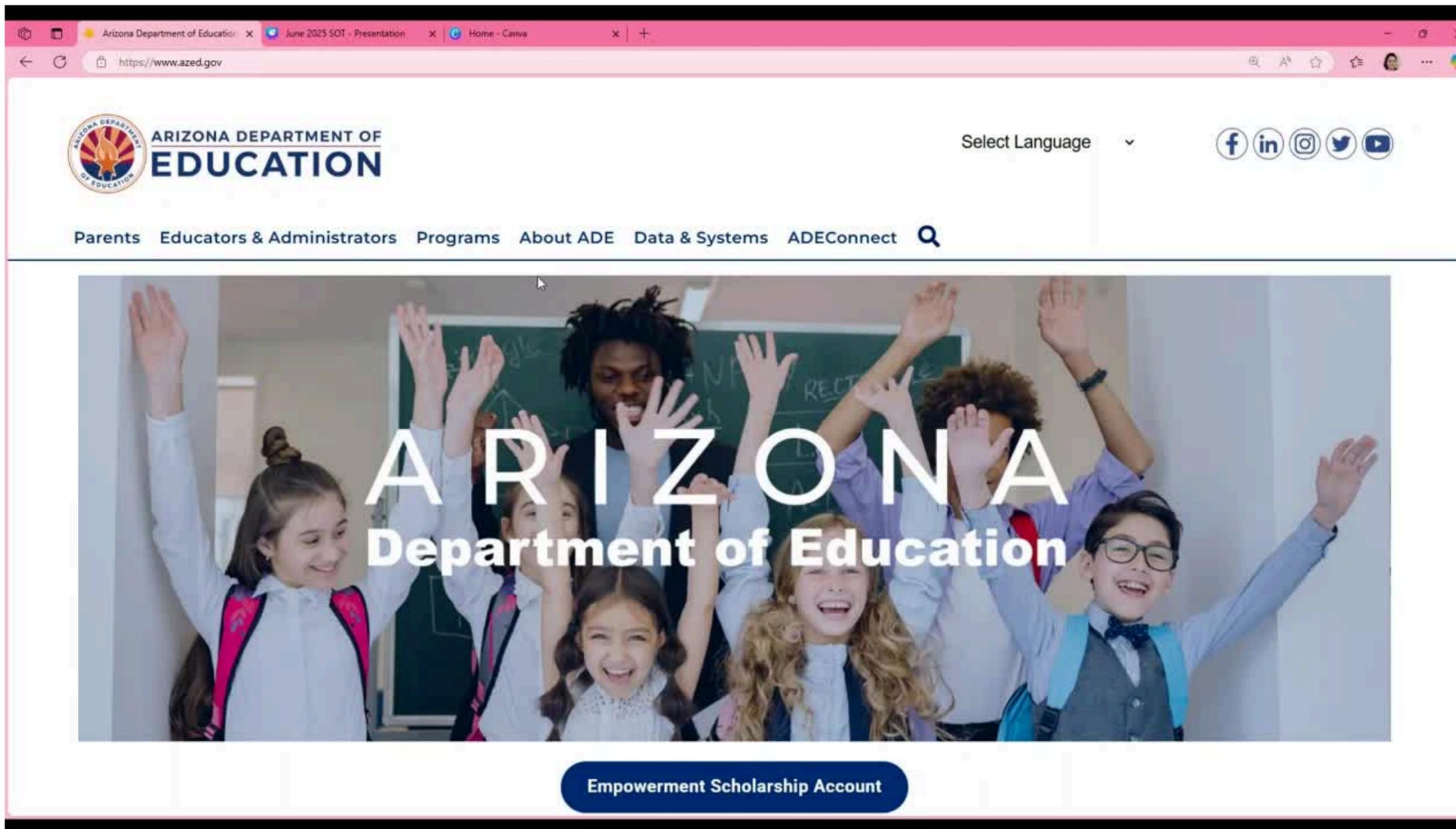


[SUN Bucks Eligibility Screener Guide:](#)

- Most eligible students will qualify automatically and will not need to fill out a SUN Bucks application.
- Families of students that did not qualify automatically but believe they are eligible must use the SUN Bucks Eligibility Screener to determine if their child is eligible to apply for SUN Bucks benefits.
 - If the screener determines that the child is eligible, the link to the SUN Bucks application will be provided in the Screener.

SUN Bucks Household Application

2025 SUMMER EBT: SUN BUCKS SCREENER



SUN Bucks Household Application

2025 SUMMER EBT: SUN BUCKS

The SUN Bucks – Summer EBT 2025 Application is available and can be accessed in the SUN Bucks Eligibility Screener.

School Food Authorities (SFAs) are required to:

- Ensure the application is available to households that believe they qualify for the SUN Bucks benefit but were not identified as eligible by the SFA.
- Report all students who attended schools participating in a Special Provision Option, who were not directly certified but may be eligible.

Eligible households may:

- Complete and submit the 2025 SUN Bucks Application by first completing the SUN Bucks eligibility screener tool to the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) by **August 5, 2025** (subject to date change)
- Expect ADE to process the application and subsequently notify the household of approval/denial of benefits.

Home / Health and Nutrition Services / SUN Bucks: Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer

SUN Bucks: Summer Electronic Transfer (Summer-EBT)



The Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program (SEBT) provides grocery-buying benefits to low-income families who lose access to free or reduced-price school meals during the summer.

▶ Will my child automatically receive SUN Bucks in 2025?

▼ How do I apply for SUN Bucks?

Most children in Arizona will automatically receive benefits and do not need to apply.

Do You Need to Apply? Before applying for SUN Bucks, please review the "Will my child automatically get SUN Bucks?" section on this page or complete the Eligibility Screener Guide ([English](#) or [Spanish](#) version) to determine if your child will receive benefits automatically. Completion of the eligibility screener will provide the link to the application if applicable.

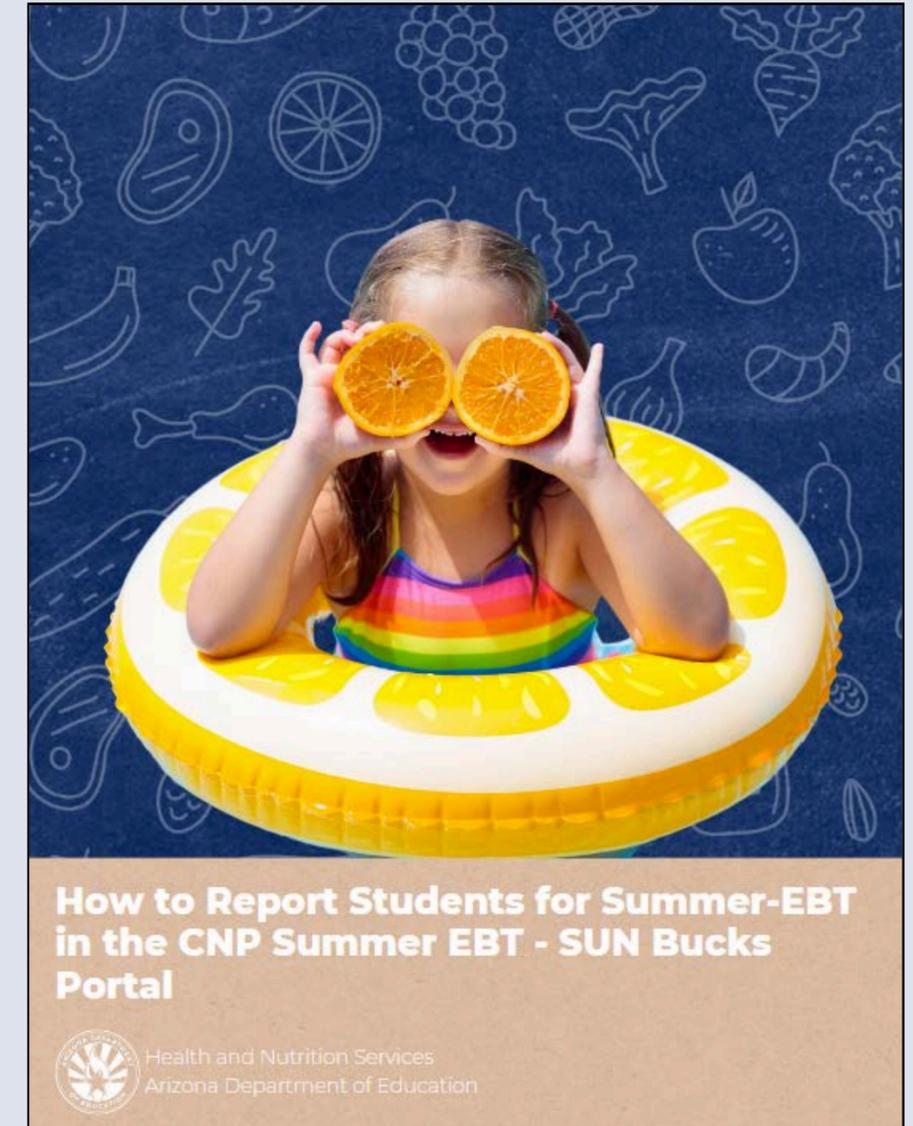
You must submit an application by August 5, 2025.

Reporting Students for SUN Bucks Benefits

CNP SUMMER EBT - SUN BUCKS PORTAL

All SFAs must contact their Entity Administrator to request permissions to the CNP Summer EBT - SUN Bucks portal for the appropriate users to gain access. SFAs must ensure all data is correct/submitted by the **August 5, 2025 deadline.**

- **SFAs with AzEDs reporting NSLP schools:** SFAs must view pre-populated AzEDs enrollments, free/reduced-price eligibility information, and report any students (and f/r eligibility information) not already pre-populated by ADE.
- **SFAs with non-AzEDs NSLP schools:** SFAs must add all 2024-2025 enrolled students and free/reduced eligibility information.



Resources for SUN Bucks can be found here: [How to Report Students for Summer-EBT in the CNP Summer EBT - SUN Bucks Portal](#)

Eligibility Source Report and SPO Operators

Those sites that operate a Special Provision Option (SPO) like the Community Eligibility Program, or Provision 2 or 3 that do not collect school meal applications will only be able to report the following students:

- Match results from the CNP Direct Certification system

How will the other students who are eligible receive SUN Bucks benefits?

- These families will need to fill out a SUN Bucks Application

The **['No Meal Application, No Problem'](#) resource for SPO operators has a QR code linked to the SUN Bucks Eligibility screener tool. The screener tool will provide access to the SUN Bucks application for those that are deemed eligible.*

No Meal Application, No Problem...

How to receive SUN Bucks for students who attend schools that do not collect Household Applications for Meal Benefits



The information collected on meal applications for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) can qualify students for SUN Bucks. However, if your school doesn't collect meal applications, you may fill out a SUN Bucks application to see if your child is eligible for this grocery buying benefit.

**COMPLETE THE SUN BUCKS SCREENER TO
Apply for SUN Bucks Today!**

SUN Bucks Eligibility Screener

Scan the QR code to be directed to the screening tool that will ensure households that are pre-qualified do not complete a 2025 SUN Bucks Household Application when it is not required. For those deemed necessary to complete a 2025 SUN Bucks Household Application, the link to the application will be made available within the screener.

For Spanish visit: <https://www.azed.gov/SUNBucks>



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2025 Farm Fresh Challenge

CELEBRATE THE FARM FRESH CHALLENGE AWARDEES!

The Arizona Department of Education Health and Nutrition Services **Program Year 2025 Farm Fresh Challenge** was a fantastic way to highlight nutrition programs and cultivate excitement around fresh and locally sourced foods this summer.

The following entities completed all **TASTE, TEACH** and **CONNECT** activities during the month of April and were awarded the **Gold AND Silver** Tiers! These sites met the minimum criteria of procuring **three** local menu items, and hosting **two** educational activities, promoting the challenge, and went above and beyond by incorporating at least **two** additional hard-to-reach local food items in their menus.



Silver Awardees

- Union Elementary School District



Gold Awardees

- Balsz School District
- Espiritu Schools
- Osborn School District
- Washington Elementary School District

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

2025-2026 FFVP AWARDEES!

The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) Health and Nutrition Services (HNS) has selected the awardees for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) in School Year 2025-2026 (SY 25-26). The FFVP is a federally assisted program providing free fresh fruits and vegetables to children at participating elementary schools during the school day. The goal of the FFVP is to introduce children to fresh fruits and vegetables, to include new and different varieties, and to increase overall acceptance and consumption of fresh, unprocessed produce among children. The FFVP also encourages healthier school environments by promoting nutrition education.

School Food Authorities (SFAs) awarded will receive a total of \$50.00 per enrolled child at designated school sites in FFVP funding for SY 25-26. Please join HNS in congratulating the following awarded SFAs:



Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

2025-2026 FFVP AWARDEES!

Alhambra Elementary District

Altar Valley Elementary District

Avondale Elementary District

Baboquivari Unified School District #40

Balsz Elementary District

Beaver Creek Elementary District

Cartwright Elementary District

Center for Academic Success, Inc.

Chandler Unified District #80

Chinle Unified District

Concho Elementary District

Concordia Charter School, Inc.

Creighton Elementary District

Desert Sky Community School, Inc.

Elfrida Elementary District

Fit Kids, Inc. dba Champion Schools

Flowing Wells Unified District

Ganado Unified School District

Humboldt Unified District

Isaac Elementary District

Kayenta Unified School District #27

Laveen Elementary District

Littlefield Unified District

Nadaburg Unified School District

Nosotros, Inc

Pan-American Elementary Charter

Phoenix Elementary District

Roosevelt Elementary District

Sanders Unified District

Scottsdale Unified District

Skyline Schools Inc.

Southgate Academy, Inc.

Sunnyside Unified District

Tempe School District

Tolleson Elementary District

Topock Elementary District

Tucson Unified District

Vernon Elementary District

Washington Elementary School

District

Window Rock Unified District



SY 24-25 upLIFT

UPLIFT WEBINAR SERIES SUMMER EDITION: ALL ABOUT SUMMER FARM FRESH CHALLENGE AND TURNIP THE BEET!

Join us on **June 17, 2025** at 1:30pm for an engaging informational webinar highlighting two fantastic opportunities for summer operators to gain recognition and be awarded for their commitment to providing high-quality summer meals! We will cover USDA's Turnip the Beet Award and ADE's Summer Farm Fresh Challenge. Both of these award-based initiatives celebrate exceptional programs that excel in serving summer meals. Discover more about these awards and learn how easy it is for YOU to be acknowledged for the incredible work you're already doing! Don't miss out!

- [Click here to register!](#)



USDA Foods

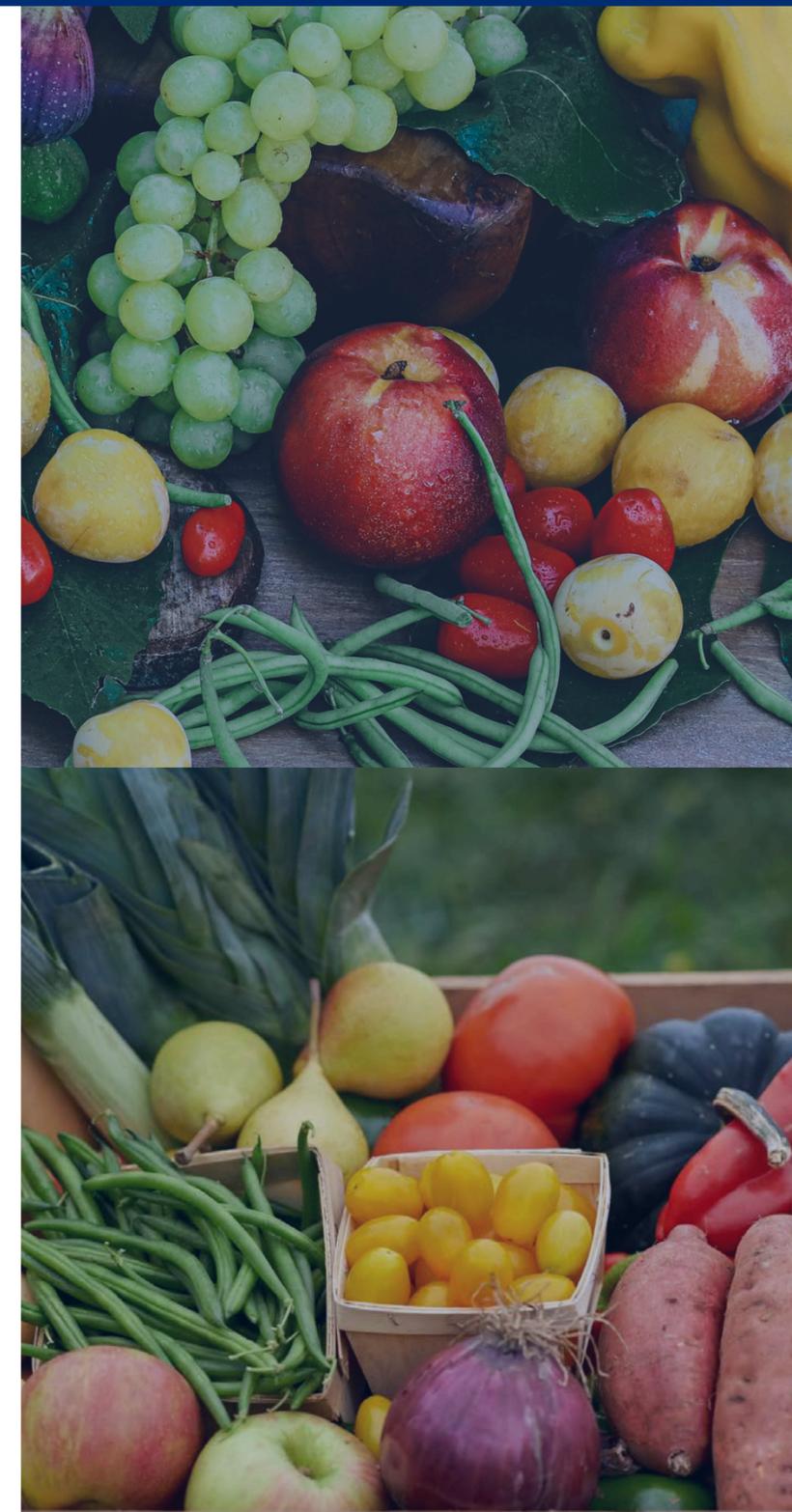
DATES AND REMINDERS

The Arizona Department of Education Health and Nutrition Services (HNS) would like to encourage operators to utilize the remaining USDA Foods in Schools Program for Child Nutrition Program summer meals in SY2025.

- **May 23, 2025:** Was the final day for shipments from Shamrock Foods. Please ensure all USDA Foods shipments are verified in the myFOODS system.
- **June 30, 2025:** DoD Fresh has all remaining SY25 NSLP funds available to SFAs on a first-come, first-served basis until June 30, 2025.
- **July 1, 2025:** DoD Fresh SY26 NSLP funds will be ready for use just in time for meals on the first day of school.

We are here to help!

If you need assistance scheduling shipments, please email USDAFoods@azed.gov to be connected with an HNS specialist.



Try it Local!

LOCAL FOOD FOR SCHOOLS IN THE SUMMER!

Seamless Summer Option (SSO) and Extended NSLP operators may continue to be reimbursed through the summer!

Resources:

- [How to Receive Try it Local Funding for Eligible Food Purchases](#)
- azed.gov/hns/nslp
 - Resources can be found by clicking the “*Try it Local Resources*” button in the ‘Try it Local’ Accordion



Try it Local Promotions

ARE YOU ONE IN A MELON?



WHAT IS IT?

This promotion showcases Arizona's very own locally grown produce and available food options.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Each month, HNS highlights a food that is grown in Arizona or is easily available in the area by providing an informative resource. This includes fun facts, availability timelines, and unique recipes. For June, the spotlight is on **CUCUMBERS!**

WHY ONE IN A MELON?

The highlight of this promotion is that ****every item can be reimbursed through Try it Local!**** HNS is thrilled to facilitate connections between SFAs and the farmers and producers who can incorporate these Arizona foods into school meals!

One in a Melon June Highlight:

CUCUMBERS



CUCUMBERS

ARIZONA HARVEST SCHEDULE	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X



Connect with Local Producers! SCHOOL INTEREST FORM

FIND CUCUMBERS IN ARIZONA

Farms to get this local produce:

- Agritopia Farm, Gilbert, AZ
- Al Hamka Farm and Bakery, Phoenix, AZ
- Blue Sky Organic Farms, Litchfield Park, AZ
- Maya's Farm, Phoenix, AZ
- Mortimer Farms, Dewy, AZ



To ensure food safety with cucumbers, always thoroughly wash them under running water before eating, cutting, or cooking, even if you plan to peel them.

ARIZONA HARVEST FACTS

- Composed of about 95% water, cucumbers are excellent for staying hydrated.
- Cucumbers provide vitamins K, C, and several B vitamins, essential for various bodily functions.
- Cucumbers are a classic ingredient in salad and often used in sushi rolls because they offer a crisp texture.
- English Cucumbers: Also known as hothouse cucumbers, they are long, thin, and have a mild flavor.
- Kirby Cucumbers: These small, bumpy cucumbers are ideal for pickling due to their firm texture.
- Persian Cucumbers: Smaller and sweeter than regular cucumbers, they are perfect for snacking.
- Lemon Cucumbers: Round and yellow, these cucumbers have a slightly citrusy flavor.

LOCAL RECIPE: Cucumbers with Chili & Lemon

Serving size: ½ cup, Yield 10 servings
Credits: ½ cup Other Vegetable

- 2 pounds unpared cucumbers
- 2 Fresh lemons (or limes)
- 2 tbsp. Ground Chili Powder

Slice the cucumbers into thin coins. Fresh lemon juice adds the right amount of tanginess. If you prefer lime, you can swap out lemon juice with lime juice in this recipe. The amount of chili powder is completely up to the flavor you want to create. Add more for an added kick! Combine ingredients in a large bowl. Toss and serve.

QUICK MATH: CUCUMBERS



1 pound, whole, pared (peeled), sliced= approximately 2.5 cups

1 pound, whole, unpared, sliced= approximately 3 cups

2025 June | One in a Melon | Local Food for Schools
The Arizona Department of Education



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Quiz Time

True or False. SFSP operators can participate in Try it Local over the summer.

A True

B False

Quiz Time

True or False. SFSP operators can participate in Try it Local over the summer.

A True

B False

Only those operating SSO or extended NSLP may be reimbursed through Try it Local during the summer.

SY 25-26 State Match Funding Requirements

FOR DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOLS

The amount of state match funding required for each school district and charter school, that receives State appropriate funds, is equal to **30% of the total number of lunches served through NSLP in the previous school year**, multiplied by the paid **lunch reimbursement rate for 2024-2025**.

State Match Funding Rates

HNS TA 01-2025: SY 25-26 STATE MATCH REQUIREMENTS

For SY 2024-25, the paid lunch reimbursement rate was either \$0.42 or \$0.44, depending on the school's eligibility for the regular or high rate, plus the additional \$0.09 received by menu-certified districts and charter schools, if applicable.

SECTION 3
**Last Month's
Training
Opportunities**



Training for School Nutrition Programs

Because the training offered by HNS is vast in quantity, diverse in content, and consistently updated, ADE maintains specialized curricula based on job duties to help directors with their training plans.

Each curriculum includes a list of recommended trainings offered by HNS and the Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) for specific roles, the format of each training, the Professional Standards hours each training provides, and where to access the training or registration.



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TRAINING CURRICULUM

School Nutrition Programs

Program Year 2024

[Training Curriculum for Arizona Child Nutrition Professionals Operating the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program in Program Year 2025](#)



May's Training Opportunities

To access webinar slides, recordings, and online trainings, visit HNS' webpage or refer to the HNS Communications Event Follow-up emails.



Staying on Track: May



Implementing the Community Eligibility Provision

Provides an overview of CEP



Data & Access to SUN Bucks Benefits

Provides information on SUN Bucks basics, automatic eligibility and AzEDS data designations, using the CNP Summer EBT- SUN Bucks Portal, as well as vital information about the SUN Bucks application.



May upLIFT

Provides an introduction to USDA Foods, supplementing summer menus with USDA Foods, and tips for utilizing USDA Foods during the summer service.

SECTION 4
**Upcoming
Deadlines &
Communications**



Mark Your Calendars!

JUNE EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

HNS is dedicated to providing all Child Nutrition Program operators with training to support you and your teams' professional learning needs to fulfill annual training requirements, support program integrity, and elevate Child Nutrition Programs across Arizona.

- 7 training opportunities for School Nutrition Professionals in June

Events Forecast



HEALTH AND NUTRITION SERVICES

11,045
Current Attendees

463
Available Courses

Arizona Department of Education (ADE) Health and Nutrition Services (HNS) is dedicated to providing operators with training to support you and your teams' professional learning needs to fulfill annual training requirements, and elevate Child Nutrition Programs across Arizona.

The HNS Communications Events Forecast is a monthly email that announces the events being offered to partners for Child Nutrition Program operators. For self-paced online courses or recorded webinars, visit the Nutrition Program's webpage at www.azed.gov/hns.

For School Nutrition Professionals

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State Nutrition Action Committee Summer Food Service Program Work Group
 June 2, 1:00-2:00 pm MST
 Work Group Meeting | [Register in Zoom](#)
 Professional Standards Key Area(s): Not Applicable
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Staying on Track - June
 June 3, 1:30-2:30 pm MST
 Webinar | [Register in APLD](#)
 Professional Standards Key Area(s): Key Areas: 1000 Nutrition, 2000 Operations, 3000 Administration, 4000 Communications and Marketing
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Farm to School CoP Meeting
 June 4, 3:00-4:00 pm EST
 Webinar | [Register with ICN](#)
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CICN: How to Reduce Sugar at Breakfast - Practical Applications from School Kitchens
 June 5, 3:00-4:00 pm EST
 Webinar | [Register with ICN](#)
 Professional Standards Key Area(s): 1000 Nutrition, 2000 Operations
- 

State Nutrition Action Committee Summer Food Service Program Work Group
 June 16, 1:00-2:00 pm MST
 Work Group Meeting | [Register in Zoom](#)
 Professional Standards Key Area(s): Not Applicable
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upLIFT Summer Edition: All About Summer Farm Fresh Challenge and Turnip the Beet!
 June 17, 1:30-2:00 pm MST
 Webinar | [Register in APLD](#)
 Professional Standards Key Area(s): 1000 Nutrition
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Native Farm to School Policy Report: Leveraging Policy for Native Food Sovereignty, Education, and Empowerment
 June 17, 1:00-2:00 pm EST
 Webinar | [Register in APLD](#)
 Professional Standards Key Area(s): 1000 Nutrition

For more information and links to register, check your inbox for the [HNS Events Forecast: June 2025](#) from HNS Communications!

In Our Drafts

KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR THE FOLLOWING EMAILS THIS MONTH:

- Summer Farm Fresh Challenge
- FFVP Bravocado Award
- Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) Tool (USDA)
- HNS memorandum on Buy American
- HNS Memorandum School Year 2025-2026 Updates and Reminders for SFAs



June Checklist

June 1 - June 10

Submit May reimbursement claims (best practice)

June 22

Due date to submit claims to receive the Reduced-price subsidy payment.

June 30

Last day to apply for Provision 2, 3 and CEP

June 30

Last day to complete shipment verification in myFOODS

June 30

April 60-day claiming deadline

June 30

Last day for shipments of DoD Fresh produce using the FFAVORS system for NSLP funds for 2024-2025

Daily

- Complete production records
- Count meals at the point of service
- Complete Daily Edit Checks

This month...

- Register for the upcoming upLIFT Webinar:
 - Webinar- upLIFT: All about Summer Farm Fresh Challenge and Turnip the Beet!
 - June 17, 2025 1:30-2:00 pm
- Verify that each operating site is on track to receive at least **two food safety inspections** during the program year.
- Turnip the Beet!
 - **Send in self-nominations!**
- DoD Fresh has all remaining SY25 NSLP funds available to SFAs on a first-come, first-served basis until **June 30, 2025**.

Reminder: Ensure the civil rights non-discrimination statement is on all SFSP outreach materials.



Join Us Next Month!

Staying On Track: July

July 1, 2025
1:30-2:30 pm

We will be reviewing recently released HNS Communications and policy memorandums, and relevant key tasks, deadlines, and action items.

Thank you!

PLEASE PUT QUESTIONS IN THE Q&A

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Congratulations

**You have completed the Online Course:
Staying on Track: June 2025**

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Key Areas: 1000 - Nutrition, 3000 - Administration, 4000 - Communications and Marketing

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Certificate

Requesting a training certificate

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