



Staying on Track: Questions & Answers

Answers to the questions asked in HNS' **July 2026 Staying on Track webinar**.

Please note, operators are responsible for remaining up-to-date on program guidance/regulations. The following answers reflect the information available at the time of the live webinar and may be subject to change.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: Are the Reimbursement Rates for School Year 2026-2027 available?

A: USDA has not released the School Year 2026-2027 reimbursement rates yet, but HNS will provide them once the rates are received.

Q: How do we submit applicable documentation from the Application Checklist to Health and Nutrition Services?

A: Please provide documents through an upload to HelpDesk.

Q: Where can I find the Staying on Track slides and recordings on the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) Health and Nutrition Services (HNS) webpage?

A: The Staying on Track slides and recording can be found on the webpage linked below:

- azed.gov/hns/staying-track-monthly-webinar

Q: Where can I find links to the items shared in the chat during the live webinar?

A: All links shared are available on the ADE HNS webpage and are hyperlinked directly in the slide deck.

Q: Do most of the requirements covered in the monthly Staying on Track webinar apply to the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) schools?

A: Yes, although CEP offers many alternative administrative and student level perks, there are still NSLP requirements that LEAs must comply with in order to receive Federal reimbursement. Please review: [Implementing the Community Eligibility Provision \(CEP\)](#).