



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Health and Nutrition Services Division

Administrative Review Summary Report

School Food Authority Name: Benson Unified School District
CTD: 02-02-09
Site: Benson Middle School

Contacts: Micah Mortensen, Superintendent of Schools
Jessica Castillo, Director of Business

Review Date: February 17, 2026

Exit Conference Date: February 17, 2026

Review Period: January 2026

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

No Findings.

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

No Findings.

General Program Compliance: Civil Rights

No Findings.

General Program Compliance: SFA On-Site Monitoring

No Findings.

General Program Compliance: Local Wellness Policy

No Findings.

General Program Compliance: Competitive Food Services

No Findings.

General Program Compliance: Professional Standards

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| 1 | The School Nutrition Program Director hired on or after July 1, 2015 did not complete the required 8 hours of food safety training within 30 days of being hired or within 5 years prior to hire date. | Discussed requirement and feasibility for attending an available certification training within current school year. Food Safety Online Training Library can be found on ICN's website at https://theicn.org/icn-resources-a-z/food-safety/ . | <i>Please provide the expected date that food safety certification training will be completed by the School Nutrition Program Director.</i> |
| 2 | The School Nutrition Program Director did not meet the training requirements for the current school year and sufficient plans for meeting the requirements have not been developed. | Discussed 12 hour requirement and feasibility for attending upcoming applicable trainings. Training Curriculum for Arizona Child Nutrition Professionals Operating the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program can be found on ADE's website at https://www.azed.gov/hns/nslp/training under the Build Your Employees Training Plans accordion. The Online Course: Designing Your Employee Training Plan: A Course for School Nutrition Directors can be found on ADE's website at https://www.azed.gov/hns/nslp/training under the Online Training Library accordion. | <i>Please provide the expected date that the training requirement will be met as well as the name, date and content information of trainings that the School Nutrition Program Director is registered for. Additionally, the certificate of completion of Online Course: Designing Your Employee Training Plan: A Course for School Nutrition Directors must be provided.</i> |

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| 3 | The School Nutrition Director and Business Manager have not completed annual training on Federal procurement standards. | Discussed that school nutrition program directors, management, and staff tasked with National School Lunch Program procurement responsibilities must complete annual training on Federal procurement standards annually. Additionally discussed that procurement training may count towards the professional standards training standards. Training Curriculum for Arizona Child Nutrition Professionals Operating the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program can be found on ADE's website at https://www.azed.gov/hns/nslp/training under the Build Your Employees Training Plans accordion. Procurement Basics training can be found on ADE's website at https://www.azed.gov/hns/nslp/training under the Online Training Library accordion. | <i>Please provide the certificate of completion of Procurement Basics (or an equivalent training on Federal procurement standards) for the School Nutrition Programs director and Business Manager tasked with National School Lunch Program procurement responsibilities. Additionally, please provide written assurance that annual training on Federal procurement standards will be completed annually.</i> |
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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 2026 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:

Benson Unified School District, thank you for your participation in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Your commitment to serving students with care and consistency is greatly appreciated. I encourage you to review our available trainings and memos regularly and stay connected with Health and Nutrition Services to ensure both program and nonprogram staff remain informed and up to date.

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		
Program	Total Fiscal Action	Assessed or Disregarded
School Breakfast Program	\$0.00	Not Applicable
National School Lunch Program	\$0.00	Not Applicable

Please submit corrective action response by **April 18, 2026** to Danielle Kirksey at Danielle.Kirksey@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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