

Closing Remarks, Questions, & Evaluation



School Nutrition Programs
Area Meetings
Spring, 2026

SWP BID ITEM UPDATES

Summer Orders in LINQ

SWP ordering in LINQ School Nutrition will be shutoff from **June 15 - June 30** for the implementation of new bid items.

All orders for summer items need to be placed and ordered before June 15. Orders can be delivered after June 15, but no new orders can be placed between June 15th - July 1.

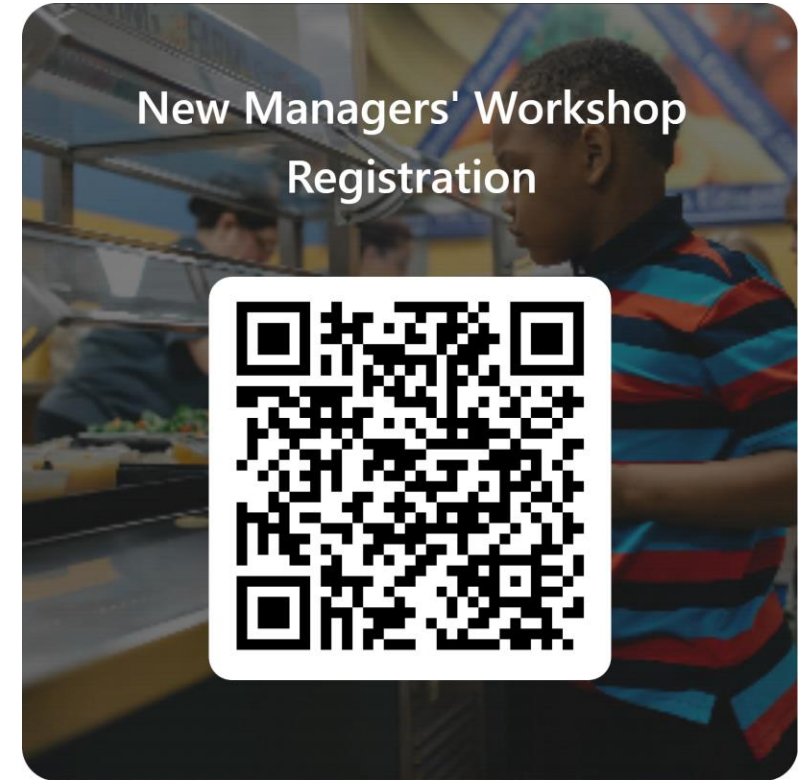


Professional Development

Registration for NEW Manager Training is open!

New Managers are invited to an exciting two-day training led by ALSDE staff at the Shelby County Instructional Services Center in Alabaster, AL.

July 7–8, 2026



<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/PtnZRBnvwU>

Professional Development

Ask your Area Specialist!

As you're planning your Back-to-School Professional Development Trainings with your staff, feel free to reach out to your area specialist, accountant, and financial specialist for content. We're here to help and happy to come support your training efforts!



Required Hours:

Directors 12 hours

Managers 10 hours

Full Time Staff 6 hours

Part Time Staff 4 hours

 **Alabama Department of Education**
Child Nutrition Program
Assistance Request Form
State Agency will contact SFA to plan for technical assistance and/or training/in-service. 

School Food Authority (SFA): _____

Agreement Number: _____

Your Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Address: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Type of assistance requested (check box)
☐ **Technical Assistance** ☐ **Training/In-service**

Who will be trained: _____
(supervisors, managers, teachers, principals, mixed group, etc.)

Please explain specific situation and/or topic: _____

CNP Director Signature

Superintendent's Signature (If Applicable)

Mail, email, or fax to:
Angelice Lowe, State Director
Child Nutrition Programs
5163 Gordon Person Building
P.O. Box 302101
Montgomery, AL 36130-2101

Phone: 334-694-4683
Email: cnpslp@alsde.edu
Fax: 334-694-4955

Food Safety Inspections

Food Safety Inspections will be uploaded into the LINQ State Site starting this school year.

Data for all school sites should be entered prior to June 30, 2026.

Records of site visits and documentation of efforts to contact the health department if less than two visits occurred this year should be kept on site.



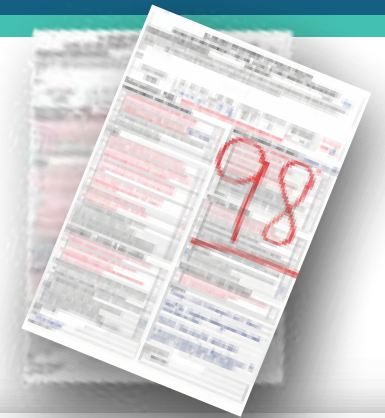
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Instructions

Food Safety Inspections for School Year (SY) 2025 - 2026

Indicate the number of Food Safety Inspections conducted at each listed site between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026. If you did not select "Two" or "Three or more" in item 1a, you MUST also indicate WHY you did not meet the regulation by selecting one of the options in item 1b. If you select "Other", enter the reason in the space provided.

Site ID	Site Name and Address	1. Safety Inspections performed in 2025 - 2026. For each site indicating either "Zero" or "One", select the reason in 1b.	
		1a. Food Safety Inspections	1b. Reason for fewer than two inspections conducted (Select the most predominant reason).
1320045	Brookwood Elementary School 4500 Boll Weevil Circle Enterprise AL, 36330-9238	Two	Reason:
1320030	Coppinville Junior High School 4540 Boll Weevil Circle Enterprise AL, 36330-0000	One	Scheduling - Inspector Not Available Reason:
1320040	Dauphin Junior High School 1271 Dauphin Street Extension Enterprise AL, 36330-1269	None	Other Reason: Give Reason Here
1320050	Enterprise High School		



Student Fund Balance Refund

SFA Question regarding setting a reasonable restrictions for account refunds to help with the administrative burden at the end of the school year.

Guidance Document Located: SP23-2017 Q&A Document:

11. [Revised] If a child graduates or moves to a new school district, may the SFA use funds remaining in the child's account to cover meal charge debt accrued by other children?

When any child leaves the district or graduates, SFAs must attempt to contact the child's household to return any funds remaining in the student's account. **Households approved for reduced price meal benefits must receive a refund.** There is a Federal requirement that children eligible for reduced price meals pay a maximum of 40 cents per lunch and 30 cents per breakfast; retaining the unused funds would result in the per meal price exceeding this amount. However, SFAs may allow families who are not approved for free or reduced price meals to donate the funds remaining in their account rather than receiving a refund when their child leaves the school. These funds then could be used to cover unpaid meal charges that were uncollectable.

SFSP Outreach

FNS requires schools to conduct SFSP outreach before the end of the academic school year to ensure that eligible families are informed of the availability and location of SFSP meals. 7 CFR 210.12(d)(2)

Sponsors are welcome to use these flyers or create their own notifications. These flyers were emailed earlier this week, or you can access them via the link below.

Please note: The 2026 Summer Site Finder has not been updated by USDA yet, but the link in the PDF will take parents to the correct location.

[English Version](#)

[Spanish Version](#)



Spring Conference Follow-Up



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Clarification: Allowable Costs

Keeping an Inventory of Replacement Parts & Anticipated Maintenance Supplies

- These purchases will be allowable using federal purchasing guidelines:
 - Reasonable – not excessive or unnecessary
 - Allocable – a benefit is received by the federal award
 - Necessary – essential for operation of the federal program
- The SFA must also ensure inventory is accounted for and safeguarded against misuse.
- Replacement parts that remain unused at the end of a program period, but still have a purpose for future use, must be included as inventory in their financial reports.



Spring Conference Follow-Up

We have several remaining topics discussed initially at Spring Conference that are still under review:

- Claiming Students at the Site of Enrollment
- Maintenance of Inventory for Materials and Supplies
- Ownership and Maintenance of Kitchen Equipment
- Updates to Allowable Costs

Please note that this guidance was developed specifically to address previous data reporting errors and to equip sponsors with the tools needed to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse. USDA has placed a strong emphasis on these areas and has directed state agencies to provide training, support, and oversight to help ensure programs operate in full compliance.



Spring Conference Follow-Up

At this time, we are unable to share our proposed guidance documents, as final determinations and approval by ALSDE administration are in process to ensure full compliance with all applicable state and federal requirements.

While we recognize the importance of timely communication and share in the urgency to provide this information, the addition of further review processes has extended the timeline. Once the guidance has been formally cleared and approved for release, it will be distributed promptly.

We appreciate your patience as we work through these additional steps.



Area Meeting Evaluation

