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Alabama State Department of Education
Child Nutrition, School Programs

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A group of seven diverse young children are sitting in a circle on a white surface. In front of them are several large, colorful baskets filled with various fresh fruits and vegetables, including apples, bananas, grapes, corn, and leafy greens. The children are smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a solid light green color.

Click [here](#) to access the Webex recording.

OVERVIEW



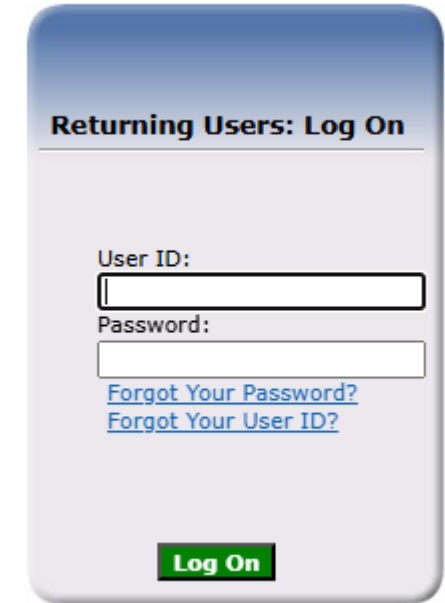
REVIEWS AND REMINDERS

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LINQ Child Nutrition Information and Payment System (CNIPS):

- Annual Agreement Information Management for:
 - Lunch, Breakfast, Snack Programs
 - SSO, SFSP, and CACFP
 - Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant
- Monthly Reimbursement Claims
- Resource & Reference Documents



Returning Users: Log On

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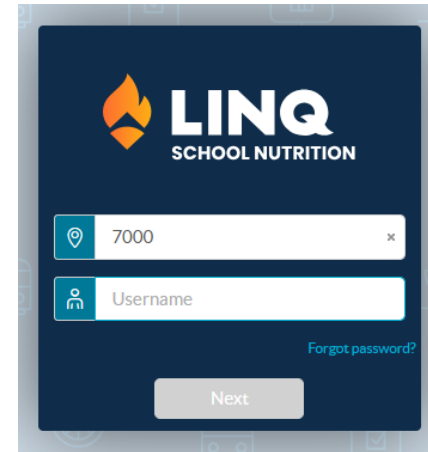
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LINQ School Nutrition (LSN):

- Statewide Procurement Database
 - Grocery Ordering
 - Food Item Management
- Optional School Nutrition Management Software
 - Menu Planning and Production
 - Inventory Management
 - Point of Sale



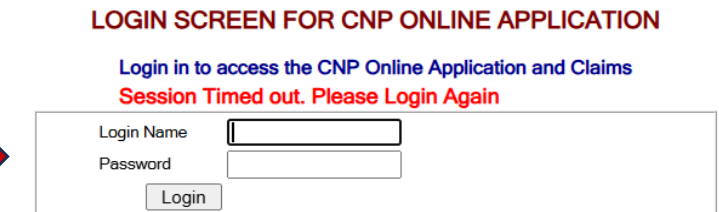
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Legacy Site (the old website):

- Currently houses all USDA Food Distribution Information (excluding DoD Fresh/FFAVORS)



LOGIN SCREEN FOR CNP ONLINE APPLICATION

Login in to access the CNP Online Application and Claims

Session Timed out. Please Login Again

Login Name:

Password:

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REVIEWS AND REMINDERS

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School Nutrition Programs

Alabama Child Nutrition Programs

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Remember to send out your Yearly Public Release on or after July 1, 2026

If you need any assistance at any time, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at cnpslp@alsde.edu or 334-694-4657

FORMS & SURVEYS

(Click Link Below)

[Buy American Temporary Accommodation Request](#)

Severe Weather/ Closure Notification

[State Wide Procurement Information & Help Docs](#)

[2025 CNP Financial Manual](#)

[LINQ CNIPS Help Guide](#)

School Nutrition Programs

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School Year: 2026 - 2027

Download Forms

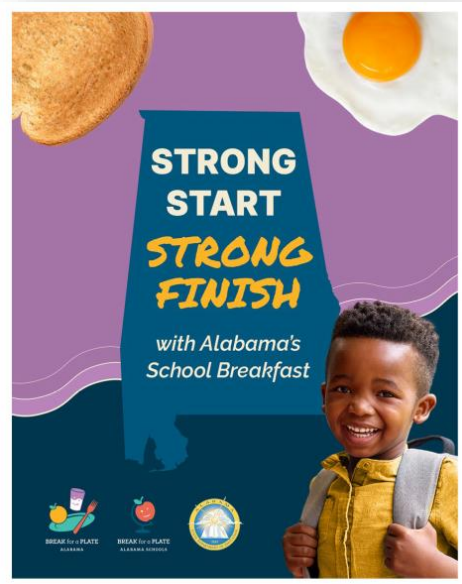
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☐	Annual Agreement Forms (3)			
	Alternate Site Meal Service Form	Alternate Meal Site Service Form	05/15/2026	N
	Checklist Summary- N/A	Checklist Summary- N/A	05/30/2025	N
	Sponsor Meal Pattern Attestation	Yearly Sponsor Meal Pattern Attestation Statement	05/18/2025	Y
☐	Buy American (3)			
	Buy American Presentation	ALSDE Buy American Presentation 2025	06/25/2025	Y
	ALSDE Buy American Tracker	ALSDE Buy American Tracking Prototype	06/25/2025	Y
	USDA Buy American Fact Sheet	USDA Buy American Fact Sheet	06/25/2025	Y
☐	Plate Cost Analysis (4)			
	Bulk Meal Service	Bulk Meal Service Plate Cost Analysis	04/23/2026	N
	Menu Based Plate Cost Analysis	Menu Based Plate Cost Analysis	11/12/2025	N
	Plate Cost Attestation	Plate Cost Calculation Attestation Statement	04/30/2026	N
	Traditional Plate Cost Analysis	Traditional Plate Cost Analysis	05/28/2026	N
☐	School Review Forms (3)			
	ASSP Review Form	After School Snack Program Review Form	06/25/2025	Y
	SBP NSLP Onsite Review Forms	Annual School Onsite Review Forms	06/25/2025	Y
	FFVP Site Review	FFVP Site Review Form	12/08/2025	N
☐	Technical Assistance Request (1)			
	SFA Technical Assistance Request	Form to Request Technical Assistance (TA) from State Agency	06/24/2025	Y

Let us know if you're looking for something that you can't find!

REVIEWS AND REMINDERS

Schools participating in the School Breakfast Program (SBP) must notify families of the availability of school breakfasts **at the beginning of the school year**, when free and reduced-price meal applications are sent to households. In addition, schools should send reminders regarding the availability of the SBP multiple times throughout the school year (e.g. at the beginning of each semester or quarter).



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USDA Early Action Pledge

USDA is asking states to pledge to make their school meals and snack programs healthier to ensure students are served nourishing foods that support lifelong healthy eating patterns.



REPLACE BREAKFAST PASTRIES WITH
WHOLE-FOOD BREAKFAST OPTIONS



PREPARE MEAT AND MEAT ALTERNATES
USING HEALTHY COOKING METHODS



SERVE ONLY 100% WHOLE
GRAIN PRODUCTS



IMPROVE SMART SNACKS
SERVED IN SCHOOLS



PRIORITIZE WHOLE FRUIT



SERVE WHOLE MILK

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On July 14, 2026, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Brooke L. Rollins announced an opportunity for States to pledge their commitment to serving healthier school meals to students across the nation.

While USDA is currently in the process of updating the school meal standards through rulemaking, Secretary Rollins' pledge encourages States and school nutrition professionals to act now to accelerate progress and serve students nourishing foods that support lifelong healthy eating patterns.

[Click here to view the full Early Action Pledge.](#)



MONTHLY MEMOS

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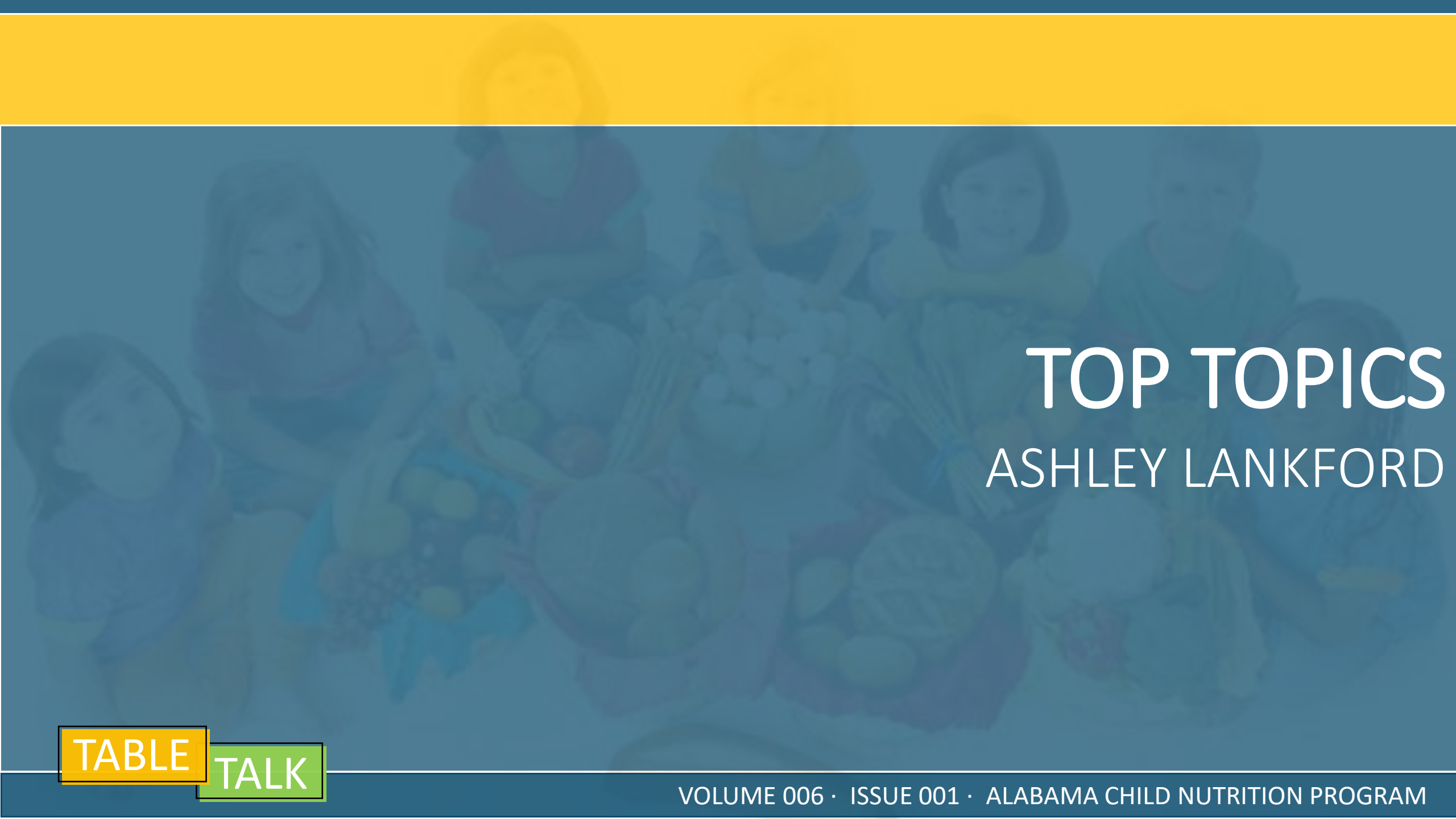
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- Urgent Reminder: June 30, 2026 Deadline for Program Participation – 6/25/26
- USDA Memorandum: SP09-2026 and Buy American Resources
- Updated Capitalization and Procurement Thresholds – 7/9/26
- 2026-2027 New Child Nutrition Program Directors' Training – 7/14/26
- Sign on to Secretary Rollins' School Meals Pledge – 7/14/26
- SY 2026-2027 Direct Certification Data is Ready – 7/15/26
- Private Schools Identified Student Percentage (ISP) Data Collection for SY26-27

MONTHLY MEMOS

- Save the Date! Third Annual Alabama Supply Chain Symposium – 7/21/26
- 2026 RCCI & Private School CNP Financial Training Workshop – 7/22/26
- Potential Tropical Weather / Weather Impact Reporting Reminder – 7/22/26
- Civil Rights Training – 7/24/26
- Order Team Nutrition Materials Now! – 7/28/26
- Reimbursement Rates for School Years 2026-2027 – 7/29/26



TOP TOPICS

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COMMON COMPLIANCE CONCERNS

Below are the most common findings that result in fiscal action during administrative reviews:

Meal Counting and Claiming:

- Incorrect free or reduced-price eligibility determinations.
- Over/under claiming meals based on enrollment and attendance.
- Second meals being claimed as reimbursable. A la carte items being claimed as a reimbursable meal.
- Meals claimed for ineligible students, CNP staff, faculty, employees, visiting children, and visiting adults.

Meal Pattern and Nutritional Standards:

- Meals missing required meal components as determined by the production records and menus.
- Offer Versus Serve errors that make meals non-reimbursable.
- Portion sizes below minimum meal pattern requirements.

Resource Management:

- Unallowable costs
- Incorrect procurement procedures.



Buy American Tracker Updates

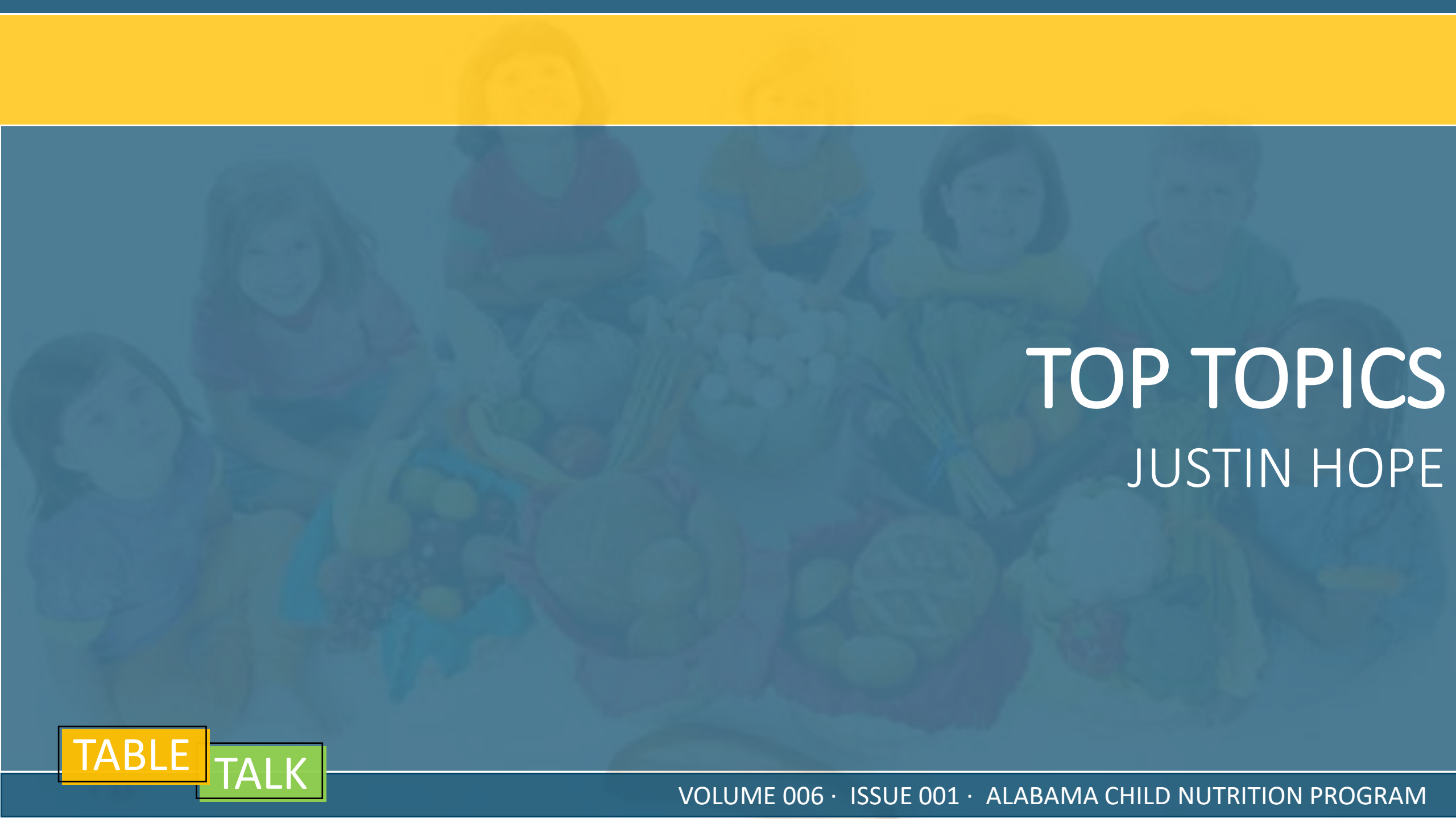
Unfortunately, there will not be a state approved waiver to Buy American Tracking according to details from a recent meeting with USDA FNA staff.

Buy American Reminders:

1. Have accurate documentation of last school year's food purchases (domestic and non-domestic).
2. Submit the [SY 25-26 accomodation form](#), if applicable.
3. Respond to the ALSDE [survey](#) with final percentages to help us determine an accurate statewide percentage.
4. Have procedures in place for weekly/monthly tracking going forward.
5. Train staff on expected procedures to follow when items are delivered that are not approved non-domestic.

LINQ Download Forms: Buy American Resources

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	ALSDE Buy American Tracker	A
	USDA Buy American Fact Sheet	U



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SWP Resources for LINQ

SWP Support Docs- How To Files

SWP S... Share Copy link Add shortcut to OneDrive Forms + Create or upload

All Documents Add view Details

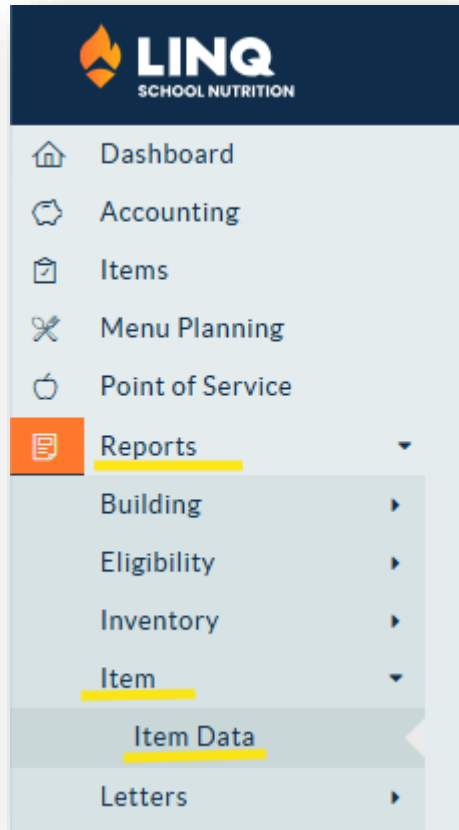
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2026 SWP New Bid Spec Sheets	July 16	Justin Hope	
Archived Files	July 16		
How To Files	July 16		
LINQ School Nutrition - SWP - User Guide	August 4, 2025		
Master Mapping Files-SWP Items	August 4, 2025		

ALSDE SWP Warehouse Mapping Import Guide.pdf	June 24, 2025	Justin Hope
ALSDE_SWP_WarehouseMappingInstructions.pdf	June 16, 2025	Justin Hope
Creating An Order Guide .mp4	July 20	Justin Hope
Item Nutrient Export .mp4	A few seconds ...	Justin Hope
Making Order Updates For July 26 Bid Changes.mp4	July 20	Justin Hope
Master Mapping Import Video.mp4	June 29	Justin Hope

Printing a Grocery Order Guide In LINQ

Go to Reports > Item > Item Data

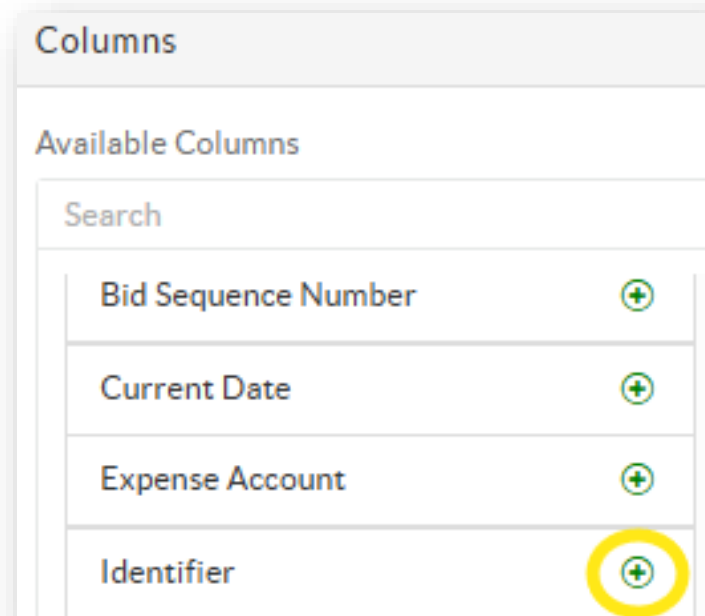
1. Change PDF to Excel
2. Add your distributor under "Vendors"
3. Select "Grocery Order Form" under item tags

A screenshot of the LINQ Item Data form. The form has several sections: General Information, Filter, Item, Item Attributes, Item Tags, Vendors, Allergies, Does Not Contain Allergies, Religious Restrictions, and Dietary Restrictions. The 'Output' dropdown in the General Information section is highlighted with a yellow box and set to 'Excel'. The 'Item Tags' section is highlighted with a yellow box and contains 'GroceryOrderForm'. The 'Vendors' section is highlighted with a yellow box and contains 'Wood Fruitticher (2, 3, 4)'. The 'Item' dropdown is set to 'Add New ..' and the 'Item Attributes' dropdown is also set to 'Add New ..'. The 'Allergies' and 'Does Not Contain Allergies' dropdowns are also set to 'Add New ..'. The 'Religious Restrictions' and 'Dietary Restrictions' dropdowns are also set to 'Add New ..'. A 'Reset' button is located in the top right corner of the General Information section.

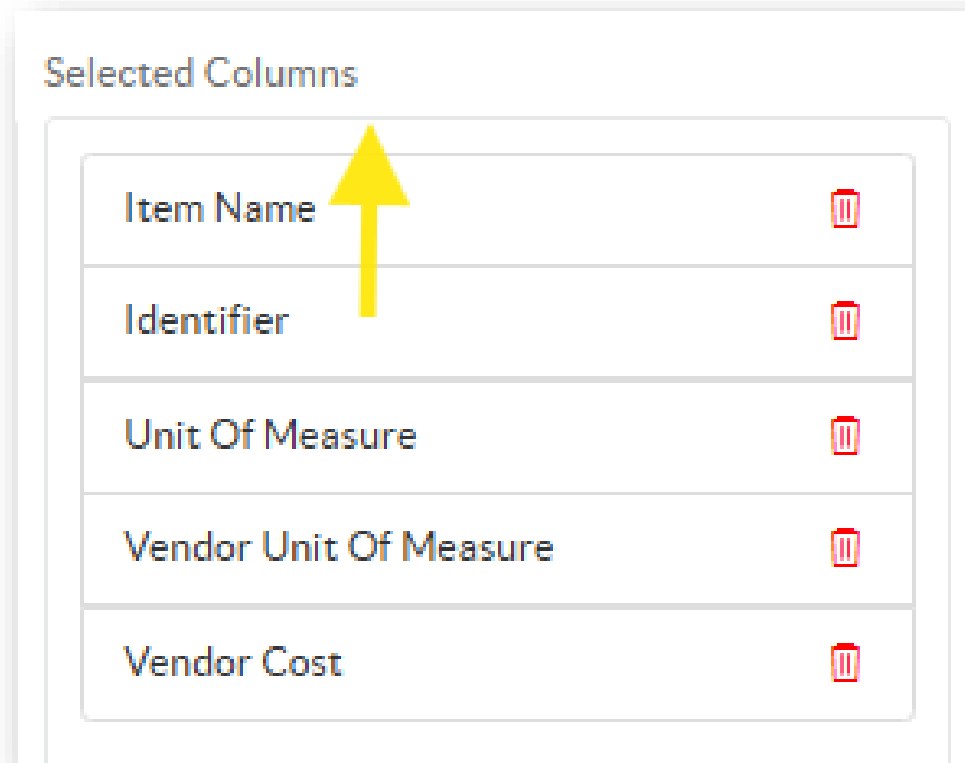
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Scroll toward the bottom. In the "Columns" section, add (+) these from the "Available Columns" List:

- Identifier
- Item Name
- Unit of Measure
- Vendor Unit of Measure
- Vendor Cost



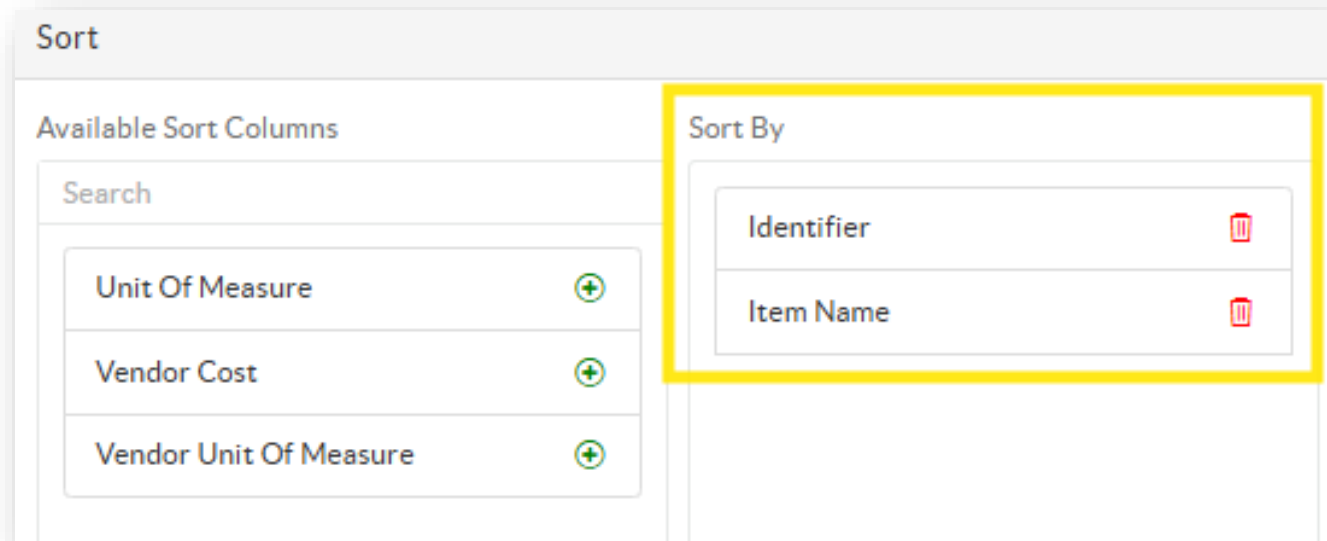
Click and drag "Identifier" to be the first item in the list.



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Scroll down to the "Sort" Section.

- Add Identifier from "Available Sort Columns" to "Sort By".
- Click and drag "Identifier" to the top of the list, above "Item Name."



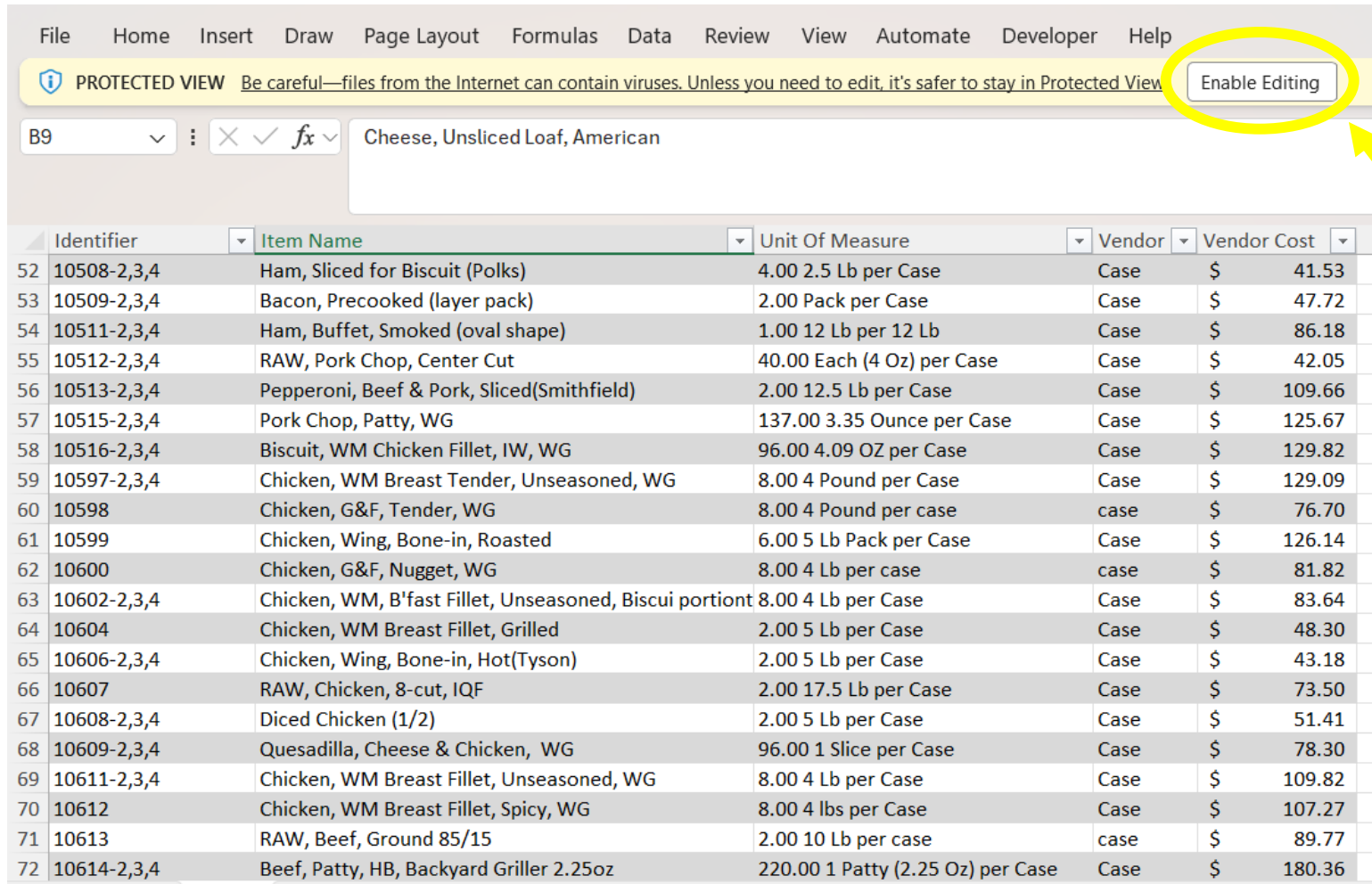
The screenshot shows the 'Sort' section of the LINQ interface. On the left, under 'Available Sort Columns', there is a search bar and a list of columns: 'Unit Of Measure', 'Vendor Cost', and 'Vendor Unit Of Measure', each with a green plus icon. On the right, under 'Sort By', there is a list with 'Identifier' and 'Item Name', each with a red trash icon. A yellow box highlights the 'Sort By' list.

Scroll to the bottom of the page and click "Request Report."



The screenshot shows the bottom of the page with two buttons: a grey 'Reset' button and a blue 'Request Report' button. The 'Request Report' button is circled in yellow.

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PROTECTED VIEW Be careful—files from the Internet can contain viruses. Unless you need to edit, it's safer to stay in Protected View. **Enable Editing**

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	Identifier	Item Name	Unit Of Measure	Vendor	Vendor Cost
52	10508-2,3,4	Ham, Sliced for Biscuit (Polks)	4.00 2.5 Lb per Case	Case	\$ 41.53
53	10509-2,3,4	Bacon, Precooked (layer pack)	2.00 Pack per Case	Case	\$ 47.72
54	10511-2,3,4	Ham, Buffet, Smoked (oval shape)	1.00 12 Lb per 12 Lb	Case	\$ 86.18
55	10512-2,3,4	RAW, Pork Chop, Center Cut	40.00 Each (4 Oz) per Case	Case	\$ 42.05
56	10513-2,3,4	Pepperoni, Beef & Pork, Sliced(Smithfield)	2.00 12.5 Lb per Case	Case	\$ 109.66
57	10515-2,3,4	Pork Chop, Patty, WG	137.00 3.35 Ounce per Case	Case	\$ 125.67
58	10516-2,3,4	Biscuit, WM Chicken Fillet, IW, WG	96.00 4.09 OZ per Case	Case	\$ 129.82
59	10597-2,3,4	Chicken, WM Breast Tender, Unseasoned, WG	8.00 4 Pound per Case	Case	\$ 129.09
60	10598	Chicken, G&F, Tender, WG	8.00 4 Pound per case	case	\$ 76.70
61	10599	Chicken, Wing, Bone-in, Roasted	6.00 5 Lb Pack per Case	Case	\$ 126.14
62	10600	Chicken, G&F, Nugget, WG	8.00 4 Lb per case	case	\$ 81.82
63	10602-2,3,4	Chicken, WM, B'fast Fillet, Unseasoned, Biscui portion	8.00 4 Lb per Case	Case	\$ 83.64
64	10604	Chicken, WM Breast Fillet, Grilled	2.00 5 Lb per Case	Case	\$ 48.30
65	10606-2,3,4	Chicken, Wing, Bone-in, Hot(Tyson)	2.00 5 Lb per Case	Case	\$ 43.18
66	10607	RAW, Chicken, 8-cut, IQF	2.00 17.5 Lb per Case	Case	\$ 73.50
67	10608-2,3,4	Diced Chicken (1/2)	2.00 5 Lb per Case	Case	\$ 51.41
68	10609-2,3,4	Quesadilla, Cheese & Chicken, WG	96.00 1 Slice per Case	Case	\$ 78.30
69	10611-2,3,4	Chicken, WM Breast Fillet, Unseasoned, WG	8.00 4 Lb per Case	Case	\$ 109.82
70	10612	Chicken, WM Breast Fillet, Spicy, WG	8.00 4 lbs per Case	Case	\$ 107.27
71	10613	RAW, Beef, Ground 85/15	2.00 10 Lb per case	case	\$ 89.77
72	10614-2,3,4	Beef, Patty, HB, Backyard Griller 2.25oz	220.00 1 Patty (2.25 Oz) per Case	Case	\$ 180.36

Open the downloaded Excel file.



Select "Enable Editing" to adjust column widths, add rows, delete items, further sort items, or add additional columns for your managers' use.

Capital Expenditure Requests in LINQ

School Nutrition Programs	
Alabama Child Nutrition Programs	
Applications Claims Compliance Reports Security Search Programs Year Help Log Out	
Applications > School Year: 2026 - 2027	
Item	Description
Sponsor Manager	SNP Sponsor's Profile, Site and Hold Information
Potential Sponsor	Potential Sponsor
Sponsor Application	Access to all program applications
Application Manager Dashboard	Application Management Tool
Application Packet	Applications Forms (Sponsor and Site)
Meal Pattern Compliance Summary	Number of Menu Pattern Certifications by Sponsor Summary
Verification Report	Mandatory Annual Verification Report
Verification Summary	Mandatory Annual Verification Report (FNS-742) Summary
Second Review of Applications	FNS-874 report for Sponsors selected to conduct a second review of applications.
Food Safety Inspections	Number of Food Safety Inspections by Site
Food Safety Inspections Summary	Number of Food Safety Inspections by Site Summary
Paid Lunch Equity Tool	Paid Lunch Equity Tool
Paid Lunch Equity Tool Summary	Paid Lunch Equity Tool Summary
FFVP Grant Overview	Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant Information by Site Overview
FFVP Grant Allocations	Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant Allocations
FFVP Invitations and Approvals	Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Invitations and Approvals
FFVP Application Packet	Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Application Forms (SFA and Site)
Capital Expenditure Request	Request for funds to purchase capital items >= \$5,000
Site Enrollment	Site Enrollment and Eligibility information for the month of October

Please do not submit Capital Expenditure Requests for items on the preapproved equipment list .

Steps to Complete Capital Expenditure Approval

- 1) Click Capital Expenditure Request
- 2) Click on Create New Request

School Nutrition Programs				
Alabama Child Nutrition Programs				
Applications Claims Compliance Reports Security Search Year Help Log Out				
Applications > Capital Expenditure Request List > School Year: 2026 - 2027				
Capital Expenditure Requests				
001-0000 Status: Active Autauga County Board of Education DBA: 153 West 4th Street Prattville, AL 36067-3011 County: Autauga FEIN: 63-6000743				
Action	Request Amount	Received Date	Reviewed Date	Status
No data to display.				
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Capital Expenditure Requests in LINQ

Capital Expenditure Request
For School Year: 2026 - 2027

001-0000 Status: Active
Autauga County Board of Education
DBA:
153 West 4th Street
Prattville, AL 36067-3011
County: Autauga
FEIN: 63-6000743

Contact Information

1. Name: Salutation: First Name: Last Name:
2. Email Address:
3. Phone: Ext: Fax:
4. Title:

Capital Expenditure Items

5. By Federal law, State Agency must approve, in advance, any capital expenditures greater than or equal to \$5,000. Complete the fields below to submit your capital expenditure request to State Agency.

	Item Location	Type of Item	New or Replacement	Quantity	Cost per Item	Total Cost	% Paid by Program Funds	
1.			New			\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
2.			New			\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
3.			New			\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
4.			New			\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
5.			New			\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Total Capital Expenditure						\$0.00		

5. Comments:

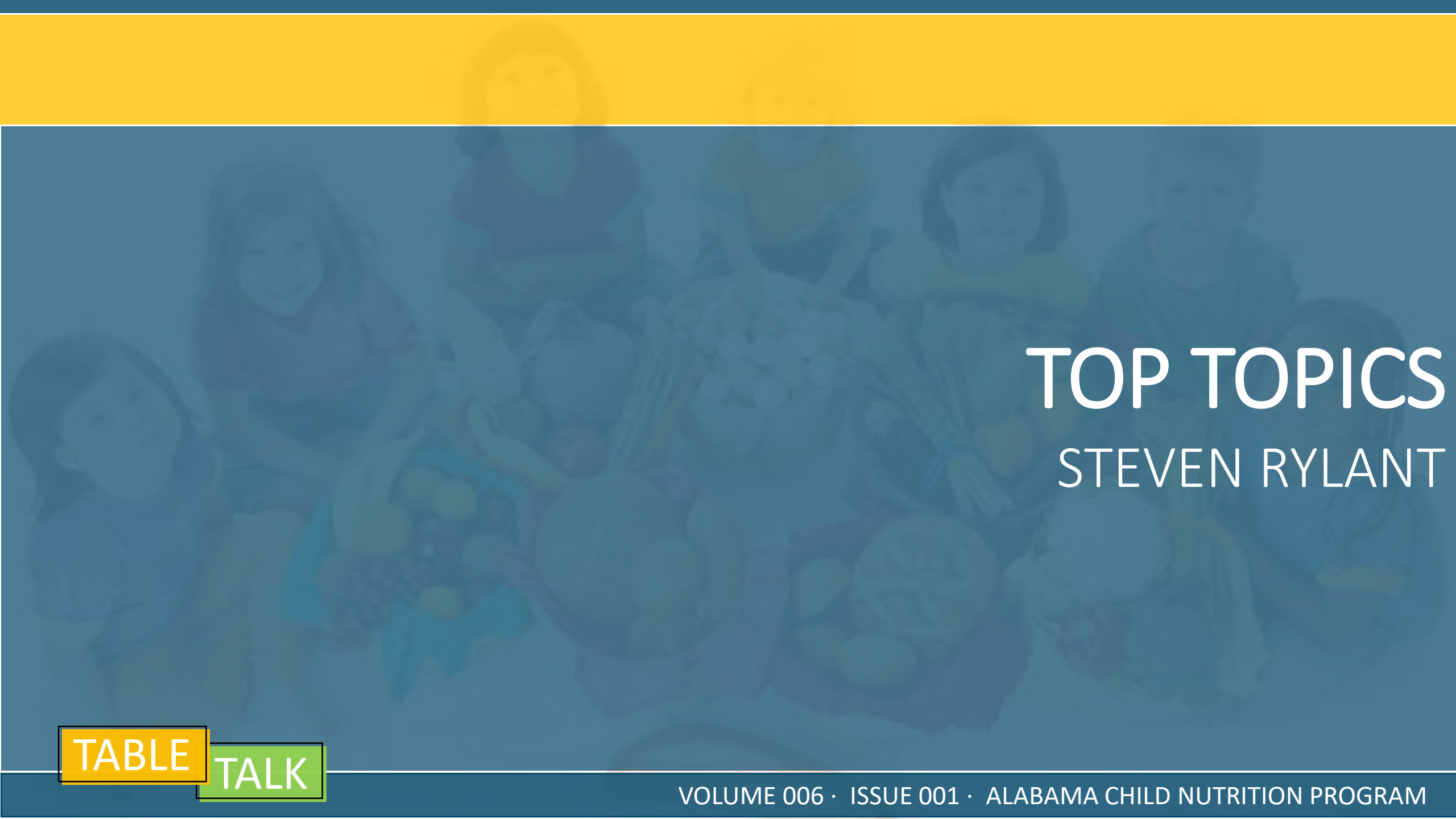
Attachments

- 3) Complete the Contact Information Section
- 4) Complete #5, giving information about each item on your request
- 5) Click Save & wait for approval from ALSDE

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The Capital Expenditure form says that 3 quotes should be submitted. You **do not** need to submit the quotes that you received. You should follow your local procurement plan in regards to purchasing.



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School Program Reimbursement Rates:

The School Lunch Programs meal reimbursement rate effective SY 2026-2027 (July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027) is:

SCHOOL PROGRAMS MEAL, SNACK, AND MILK PAYMENTS TO STATES AND SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITIES <i>Expressed in Dollars or Fractions Thereof</i> Effective from: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027							
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM¹		LESS THAN 60%	LESS THAN 60% + 9 cents²	60% OR MORE	60% or MORE + 9 cents²	MAXIMUM RATE	MAXIMUM RATE + 9 cents²
CONTIGUOUS STATES	PAID	0.45	0.54	0.47	0.56	0.53	0.62
	REDUCED-PRICE	4.36	4.45	4.38	4.47	4.53	4.62
	FREE	4.76	4.85	4.78	4.87	4.93	5.02

School Program Reimbursement Rates:

The School Breakfast Programs meal reimbursement rate effective SY 2026-2027 (July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027) is:

SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM		NON-SEVERE NEED	SEVERE NEED
CONTIGUOUS STATES	PAID	0.42	0.42
	REDUCED-PRICE	2.24	2.75
	FREE	2.54	3.05

School Program Reimbursement Rates:

The After-School Snack Programs meal reimbursement rate effective SY 2026-2027 (July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027) is:

AFTERSCHOOL SNACKS SERVED IN AFTERSCHOOL CARE PROGRAMS		
CONTIGUOUS STATES	PAID	0.12
	REDUCED-PRICE	0.65
	FREE	1.30

School Program Reimbursement Rates:

The Special Milk Programs meal reimbursement rate effective SY 2026-2027 (July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027) is:

SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM	ALL MILK	PAID MILK	FREE MILK
PRICING PROGRAMS WITHOUT FREE OPTION	0.28	N/A	N/A
PRICING PROGRAMS WITH FREE OPTION	N/A	0.28	Average Cost Per 1/2 Pint of Milk
NONPRICING PROGRAMS	0.28	N/A	N/A

School Program Reimbursement Rates:

The **USDA Cash-in-Lieu of USDA Donated Foods (Commodity)** rate for School Year (SY) 2026–2027 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) is:

\$0.3200 per reimbursable lunch (32.00 cents per meal)

This represents an **increase of 1.50 cents** from the SY 2025–2026 rate of **30.50 cents per meal** due to the annual adjustment based on the Producer Price Index for Foods Used in Schools and Institutions.

Federal Register Notice

The official USDA Federal Register notice is accessible at the following links:

[Federal Register :: National School Lunch, Special Milk, and School Breakfast Programs, National Average Payments/Maximum Reimbursement Rate](#)
[Food Distribution Program: Value of Donated Foods From July 1, 2026 Through June 30, 2027](#)

Capitalization and Procurement Thresholds

The Capitalization and Procurement Thresholds were updated to current federal thresholds **effective July 1, 2026.**

In order to assist local school boards in determining the appropriate thresholds for **capitalization of equipment** has been increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per equipment item.

In addition to the previous increases to the State Bid threshold and the Public Works threshold, there have been increases to the federal Procurement thresholds. Per the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), the current procurement purchasing methods have been increased to match the federal procurement thresholds:

Micro-Purchases: Increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000 effective July 1, 2026.

Simplified Acquisition (Small Price Quote Purchases): Increased from over \$10,000 but under \$250,000 to Over \$15,000 but under \$350,000.

Capitalization and Procurement Thresholds

The Formal Bid thresholds that will require the purchase to be formally bid are as follows:

- LEAs (Public and Charter Schools): \$40,000 and greater
- SFAs that receive Alabama State funding other than the CNP program: \$30,000 and greater
- SFA that do not receive Alabama State funding: \$350,000 and greater

Please Note:

The SFA/LEA is required to comply with the most restrictive procurement requirements established by local, state, or federal authorities. Therefore, before adopting the increased procurement thresholds, the SFA/LEA must revise and approve its written procurement policies and procedures to incorporate the new thresholds.

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Grant Opportunity: [Chef Ann Foundation's Salad Bars to Schools](#)

[Salad Bars to Schools \(SB2S\)](#), a national grant program operated by the [Chef Ann Foundation](#), provides schools and districts with everything needed to implement salad bars effectively as a part of a reimbursable meal, while supporting a journey to more scratch cooking and values-aligned procurement. Our Salad Bars to Schools program grants K–12 schools everything needed to install a salad bar — including salad bar equipment and all accessories, marketing materials, and comprehensive online training courses through the [School Food Institute](#).

K-12 school districts that participate in the National School Lunch Program with an enrollment of at least 100 students per school site may apply no later than **March 31, 2027**.



New School Year, New Contest-Winning Recipes Needed!

- State Staff presented Jr. Chef Opportunity at the CTE Conference in Mobile Today
- 2026 Contest Winning Recipe from Marshall County was featured
- FCS Educators need to decide very soon if they want to have recipe submission ready for early **December Deadline**
- Applications will be available soon

Don't miss out on this great opportunity for you and your staff to engage with your students and help them create delicious recipes we can all enjoy!



Summer Culinary Challenge



Summer Culinary Challenge



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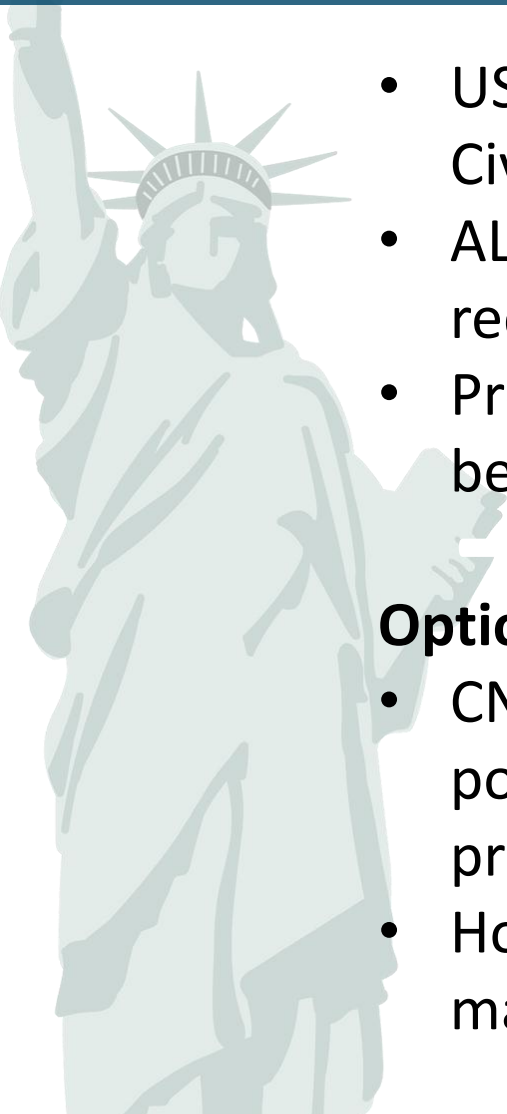
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September	003	September 24, 2026
October	004	October 29, 2026
December	005	December 17, 2026
January	006	January 28, 2027
March	007	March 25, 2027
April	008	April 29, 2027
May	009	May 27, 2027
June	010	June 24, 2027

All Sessions Begin at 1:30pm.
Schedule is subject to change.

Civil Rights Training Update

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- USDA has not yet released the anticipated updates to the required annual Civil Rights Training.
 - ALSDE will provide updated Civil Rights Training once additional guidance is received from USDA.
 - Programs should be prepared to complete the updated training when it becomes available.

Optional Training Prior to USDA Updates

- CNP Directors are encouraged to provide staff training on local civil rights policies/procedures regarding how to handle a civil rights complaint and procedures for accommodating special diets.
- However, once USDA releases updated Civil Rights Training requirements and materials, staff will need to participate in the updated training.

In addition to expanding allowable milk varieties, the **Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2025** requires that local school food service personnel receive annual training **AND certification on food allergies** (best practices to prevent, recognize, and respond to food-related allergic reactions).



Available Food Allergy Training



★ **Food Allergies in School Nutrition Programs:** Food Allergies in SNPs - General Food Allergies - ICN iLearn (1.0 hour)

Hidden in Plain Sight: PSU: Hidden in Plain Sight (September 2024) - ICN iLearn (1.5 hours)

Keeping School Meals Safe for All Students: STAR: Keeping School Meals Safe for All Students: Allergy and Hygiene Awareness (August 2025) - ICN iLearn (1.0 hour)



✓ **Well done, you have completed the course!** ✕

Congratulations, you have completed the course: Food Allergies in SNPs - General Food Allergies

Your achievements

💰 **Credits (CEUs)**
You earned 1 credits

🏆 **Course score**
Your final grade: 100

📄 **Certificate**
You earned the course certificate

🎓 **Retraining**
You earned the certification: Food Allergies in SNPs - General Food Allergies

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FOR THE ONLINE TRAINING

Food Allergies in SNPs - General Food Allergies

This Certificate is Presented to

Suzannah Yoder

Completion Date: 7/21/2026

Hours of Instruction: 1

SNA Key Area(s): 2

USDA Professional Standard Code(s): 2600

New Directors' Training August 20-21, 2026

Day 1: Financial Program Guidance

Day 2: Operational & Nutritional Program Guidance

This training format allows us to extend the invitation to newly hired CSFOs and Bookkeepers as well. Sponsors are encouraged to register any new financial staff to attend Day 1 of the training on Thursday, August 20.

Register Here: [2026-2027 New Directors' Training](#)



Content from the New Managers' Training is now available on Break for a Plate. This is a great resource for use with your staff throughout the year!

[SY 2026-2027 New Managers' Training Presentations - Break for a Plate Alabama](#)

MEAL COUNTING AND CLAIMING

USDA FOODS AND DOD FRESH PROGRAM 2026

EQUIPMENT GUIDANCE 2026 NEW MANAGERS TRAINING

PROFESSIONALISM AND ETHICS IN THE CAFETERIA

NEW DIETARY GUIDELINES FROM STAFF TO STUDENTS

COMMUNICATION AND TEAM BUILDING

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LINQ PURCHASING PRESENTATION

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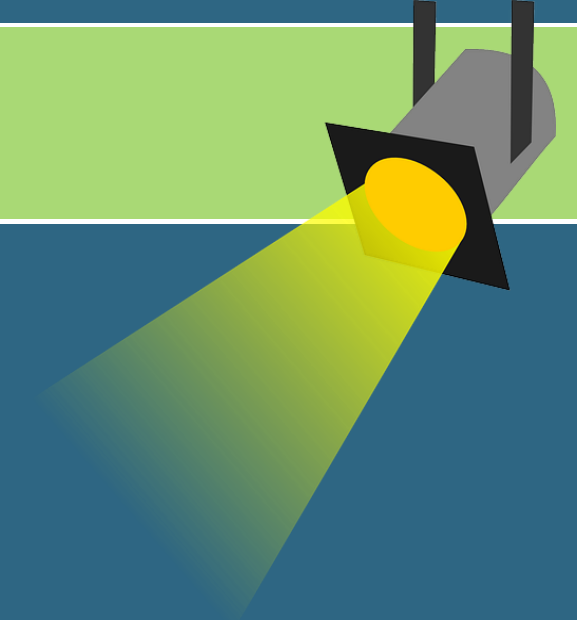
SCHOOL REVIEW FORMS

SMART SNACKS, FUNDRAISERS, MARKETING



TRAINING TIDBITS

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	AREA
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW TRAINING</u>	AUGUST 18-19, 2026	Gordon Persons Building Auditorium	Montgomery, AL
<u>NEW DIRECTORS' TRAINING</u>	AUGUST 20-21, 2026	Gordon Persons Building Auditorium & Conference Room	Montgomery, AL
<u>RCCI & PRIVATE SCHOOL FINANCIAL TRAINING</u>	AUGUST 21, 2026	Gordon Persons Building Conference Room	Montgomery, AL
2026 FALL CONFERENCE	NOVEMBER 17 – 20, 2026	The Grand Hotel and Conference Center	Point Clear, AL



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Krystal Patterson

Lee County Schools, ASNA President Elect

What are you most proud of in your Child Nutrition Program?

What I'm most proud of is my staff. They are always willing to jump in and do whatever it takes to make our program better. No matter what new ideas or changes I throw their way, they are committed to making sure our students get meals that are not only nutritious but that actually taste good. Their passion for taking care of our students is what makes our Child Nutrition Program so special.

What is the biggest challenge you're currently tackling?

The biggest challenge I'm tackling right now is balancing it all. We're working hard to create meals that students enjoy while meeting the latest USDA nutrition requirements, which isn't always easy. At the same time, I'm navigating staff shortages and making sure to continue to provide the best possible service to the students. On top of that, I'm preparing to step into my new role as ASNA President, so it's definitely a busy season. Fortunately, I have an outstanding team behind me. The dedicated staff in Lee County Schools, my colleagues within the Alabama School Nutrition Association, and the support of the State Department all play an important role in my success.

What superpower would help you most as a CNP Director?

My superpower would be cloning myself! There are days I need to be in five schools, three meetings, answer dozens of emails, solve equipment issues, and still make sure every student gets fed. Until science catches up, I'll keep relying on teamwork, lots of caffeine, and a positive attitude!

What is something people would be surprised to learn about you?

People are often surprised to learn that one of my greatest passions is going on mission trips to Uganda. The people there have become like a second family to me, and I miss them every day when I'm not there. Outside of work, I have a few hobbies that don't always seem to go together—I love riding motorcycles, I'm a huge Disney fan, and I enjoy getting lost in a good book. My husband and I also live in a barndominium, which always surprises people too! Oh..... and I am left-handed.



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