Community of Practice Call

COVID-19 Emergency Food Service

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agenda

- district spotlights
- funding + policy
- reopening + safety
- plant-forward meal kits
- grants, events, + resources
- leadership
- discussion

usda professional standards

1110, 1130, 2430, 3240, 3450, 4130,

1 hour of professional development



two remaining calls!

may june & 3

join us...

9:00-10:15 a.m. PST / 12:00-1:15 p.m. EST



aapi resources

bystander intervention training

hollaback! [training guide]



educational resources to learn and teach asian american history

rethinking schools
[article]



mental health resources for the aapi community

mental health musings
[web pages]

Association (AAPA)

National Asian American Pacific
Islandar Mental Health Association

<u>Asian Mental Health Collective</u>

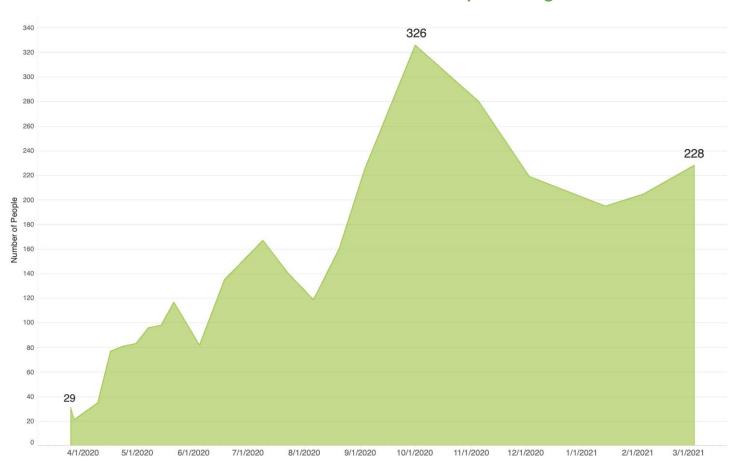
Inclusive Therapists

<u>Asians Do Therapy</u> [organization + podcast!]

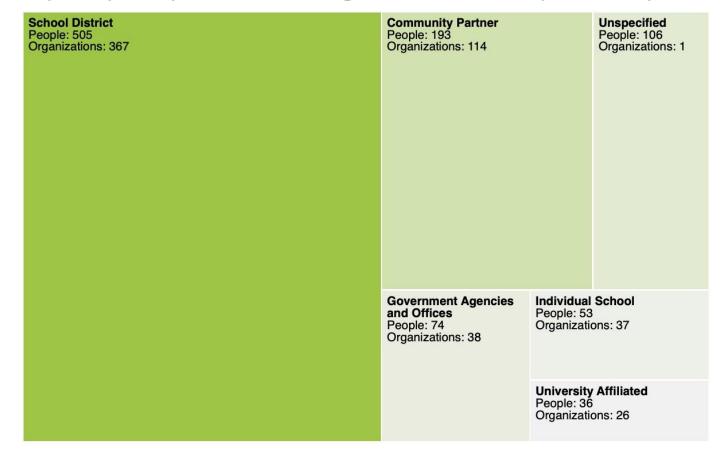
then + now

a year in review

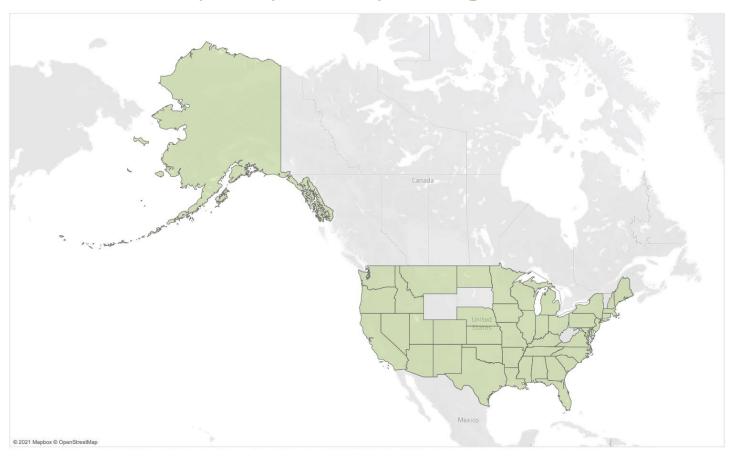
attendance over the past year



unique people and organizations participating



map of participating states



district spotlights

pajaro valley, ca









- 1 Box Rice noodles
- 2 medium Bell peppers 3-4 tsp Soy Sauce
- 1 cup Broccoli - 1 cup Mushrooms
- 3 Green onion

Ingredients Serving Size 4

- 1 Lime - 1-2 tsp Oil of choice

- 1-2 tbsp Ginger

- Cilantro - Chili for spice
- 1 cup Fresh or frozen peas
- Additional protein

Recipe Instructions (Please complete Step 1 BEFORE joining the cooking event at 5:00)

Wash all produce. Evenly dice the peppers, broccoli, mushrooms, and tofu into small pieces.

- 8 oz extra firm Tofu

Bring a pot of water to a boil. Add rice noodles and cook at a low boil for 3-4 minutes (until firm but cooked). Alternatively, you can soak the rice noodles in a bowl of very hot water for about 8-10 minutes or until cooked.

Meanwhile, add a small amount of oil (I use toasted sesame oil) to a large pan over medium-high heat. First add the broccoli and mushrooms, and cook for a few minutes until the mushrooms have released all of their liquid. Next add the bell peppers, peas, garlic, ginger, and tofu, and cook for an additional few minutes.

Season the vegetables generously with soy sauce, lime juice, ginger and garlic powder, and chili for spice.

Add noodles to the vegetable mix and turn off the heat. Mix to combine, taste, and then add and adjust seasonings as desired.

Plate the noodles and garnish with chopped green onions and cilantro. Squeeze with fresh lime juice and drizzle with soy sauce (optional). Enjoy with your loved ones!)



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Almost 1 in 4 children (23%) are food insecure in Houston/Harris County. HISD Nutrition Services focuses on reducing food insecurity by providing nutritious food for families in need.

OUR MEAL DISTRIBUTION SITES:



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Pick-Up



Neighborhood Supersites



Apartment Complexes



Campus Megasites

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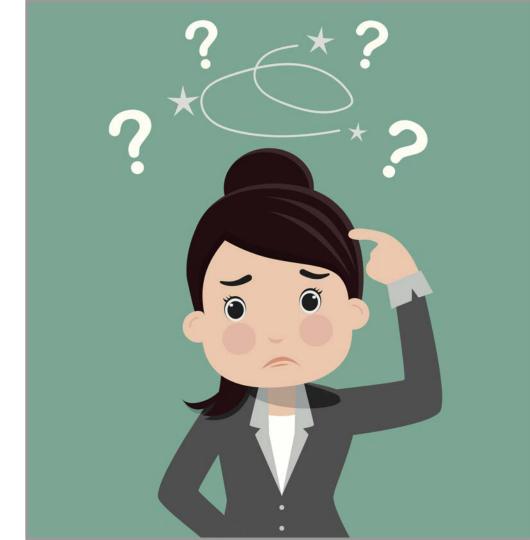




community + family engagement questionnaire



reopening schools



MS & HS Grab n' Go Meal Program During Hybrid Learning Effective March 29th-May 2							
Hybrid Student Group A	1 Breakfast/ Snack Bag + 1 Lunch/ Supper Bag	1 Breakfast/ Snack Bag + 1 Lunch/ Supper Bag	1 Breakfast/ Snack Bag + 1 Lunch/ Supper Bag X3	1 Breakfast/ Snack Bag + 1 Lunch/ Supper Bag	1 Breakfast/ Snack Bag + 1 Lunch/ Supper Bag	Received on Wed	Received on Wed
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Distance Learning Students	1 Breakfast/ Snack Bag + 1 Lunch/ Supper Bag	1 Breakfast/ Snack Bag + 1 Lunch/ Supper Bag	1 Breakfast/ Snack Bag + 1 Lunch/ Supper Bag x3	1 Breakfast/ Snack Bag + 1 Lunch/ Supper Bag	1 Breakfast/ Snack Bag + 1 Lunch/ Supper Bag	Received on Wed	Received on Wed

hybrid learning meal service scenarios

meal service options

- bulk meal kit distribution
- in-person meals
- distance learning meals
- community meals
- home delivery

program integrity

- a detailed plan is required
 - learn more on the blog



policy reminder | california

state meal mandate

- at least one meal must be provided (on campus) each school day
 - o **meal:** breakfast **or** lunch
 - school day: in-person or distance learning
- what about bulk meal kits?
 - may still be provided, however at least one meal must be provided during in-person learning

more next month from... Brianna Dumas, MPH, RDN, LD

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)



vaccine updates | CA

- school nutrition staff are now eligible!
- how to I sign up?
 - check with your school district to determine when & where to access your vaccine
- vaccine roll out varies by region

white house update on march 11: all adults will be eligible for a vaccine by may 1

policy + funding

summer meal waiver extensions

- meal pattern flexibilities (sso only)
- non-congregate feeding
- parent/guardian pick-up
- area eligibility (open sites)
- meal service times
- OVS in SFSP
- area eligibility (closed sites)
- first week site visits



these extensions apply only to SSO and SFSP

waivers that still expire on june 30

- meal pattern flexibilities
- non-congregate feeding
- parent/guardian pick-up
- area eligibility for CACFP at-risk
- meal service times
- OVS for NSLP high schools
- on-site monitoring
- FSMC duration



these waivers apply to NSLP, SBP, and CACFP and still expire on 6/30

unanswered questions

- what happens on the first day of SY 21-22?
- can we continue SSO/SFSP at school until Sept 30?
- do we need to do meal applications for SY 21-22?

waiver reminders | national

paperwork to file during COVID-19

- know which waivers you have opted into
- keep copies of waiver approvals from your state agency

SSO/SFSP applications

- update state agency applications
- CA: update CNIPS



- new! community eligibility provision (CEP) deadlines extended
- certify your schools to receive free meals for the next 4-years!
- ISP must be > 40%

CEP requirement	previous deadline	new waiver deadline
data used to calculate ISP	"as of april 1"	any point from july 1, 2020 - june 30, 2021
elect CEP for SY 21-22	june 30	september 30





Alabama California District of Columbia

Meals Count

Alaska Colorado Florida Arizona Connecticut Georgia Arkansas Delaware Hawaii

policy updates | california

SB 364: The School Meals for All Act of 2021

- make school meals free for all students
- provide \$0.25/meal for California-grown food
- establish grants for up to \$30,000/school site for training and equipment on freshly-prepared food
- provide low-income families with EBT during school breaks

Letters of support due to Senate Education Committee by 5pm today

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food research & action center (FRAC)



LSWP triennial assessment

8 LSWP Federal Requirements

In 2016, USDA FNS finalized guidelines and requirements for written wellness policies established by LEAs. LEAs must comply with the following requirements.





The policy must identify at least 1 LEA or school official who has the authority and responsibility to ensure each school complies with the LSWP. This is often the Food Service Director, but not

Best Practice: Include the official's name, title, and contact information.



Invite all stakeholders

All stakeholders must be invited to participate in the development, implementation, review, and update of the LSWP, including:

- · Parents
- · Health professionals
- Students Food service staff
- · Board members Administrators
- · P.E. teachers · General public

PRO Tip: Use the LunchAssist Sample Wellness Flyer (available in The Collective)!



Specific goals

The policy must include specific, evidencebased goals for:

- · Nutrition education
- · Nutrition promotion
- · Physical activity

competitive foods.





All food and beverages sold on the school campus during the school day must meet federal meal regulations and USDA Smart Snacks in School* nutrition standards. *Some states may have stricter guidelines for

Best Practice: Use a hyperlink to direct readers to the federal meal regulations and Smart Snacks standards!



Policies for other foods + beverages

> The LSWP must describe policies for other foods and beverages available on the school campus during the school day (e.g. classroom parties, classroom snacks brought by parents, etc.)



Marketing policies

All foods marketed and advertised on campus during the school day must meet the USDA Smart Snacks in Schools nutrition standards.



Triennial Assessment

LEAs must review the LSWP every 3 years, measuring:

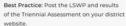
- . The extent to which the LSWP compares to model policies:
- . The extent to which each school is in compliance with the policy; and
- · The progress made toward achieving the goals set forth in the LSWP.

Triennial Assessments will be reviewed by the State during the NSLP AR.



Available to the public

LEAs must make the LSWP available to the public and update the community about changes to and implementation of the LSWP. including results of the Triennial Assessment.



Reminder

Don't forget to include the full USDA Non-Discrimination Statement in both your wellness policy and Triennial Assessment!



Downloadable Resources

8 Local School Wellness Policy Federal Requirements [Blog]

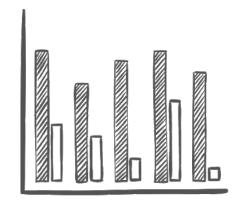


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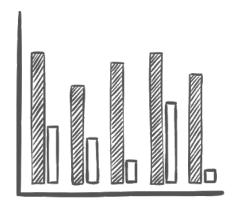
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Due June 30, 2020



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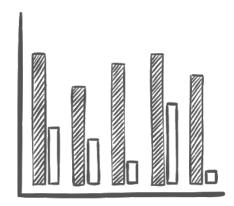
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*with waiver #18 approval

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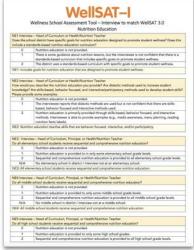
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WellSAT Triennial Assessment

The WellSAT assessment includes 4 worksheets:









DUE JUNE 30, 2021



WellSAT Triennial Assessment

4 Steps:

- 1. Complete the WellSAT 3.0
- 2. Complete the WellSAT-I
- Identify connections between policy & practice (Worksheet #3)
 - Compare WellSAT 3.0 and WellSAT-I scores
- 4. <u>Summarize and share your findings (Worksheet #4)</u>
 - Results should be made available to the public (e.g. post on website)



Add the full Non-Discrimination Statement, prior to sharing!!

GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOL WELLNESS POLICY TRIENNIAL ASSESSMENT

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) <u>Final Rule: Local School Wiellness Policy</u> Implementation Under the <u>HHFKA of 2010</u> requires that each local educational agency (LEA) participating in the National School Lunch Program (MSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) must complete an assessment of their local school wellness policy (LSWP) at least once every three years. This document assists LEAs with meeting the USDA's triennial assessment requirements.

A LSWP is a written document of official policies that guide a LEA's efforts to establish a school environment that promotes students' health, well-being, and ability to learn by supporting healthy eating and physical activity. The LSWP requirement was established by the Child Nutrition and Wic Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-265), and further strengthened by the Healthy, Hungen-Free Lides Act of 2010. These laws require LEAD participating in the NSEP and SBP to develop and implement a LSWP. The responsibility for LSWP development is at the local level to allow each school district and instrution to address their unique needs.

ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

The USDA's Final Rule: Local School Wellness Policy Implementation Under the HHFKA of 2010 requires LEAs to complete an assessment of their LSWP at least once every three years. LEAs must complete the first LSWP assessment by June 30, 2021. The LEA's assessment must:

- · measure the extent to which the LEA complies with the LSWP:
- describe how the language in the LEA's LSWP compares to the model wellness policy (WellSAT 3.0); and
- · describe the LEA's progress toward meeting their LSWP goals.

LEAs must make the triennial assessment results available to the public. The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) will review this documentation during the next LEA's Administrative Review. For additional guidance, visit the CSDE's <u>Administrative Review for School Nutrition Programs</u> webpage.



climate-friendly school food



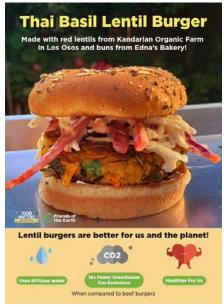
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Direct Technical Assistance to School Districts in California

- 1-on-1 support linking districts to resources
- Marketing materials/strategies
- Student and community engagement

Convene regional forums and webinars, and promote practical tools and strategies

Policy Advocacy - state and federal levels





What is Climate-Friendly Foodservice?

Achieves a lower carbon and water footprint by:

- Plant-based and plant-forward menu options
- Sourcing from organic and regenerative farms
- Reducing food and packaging waste



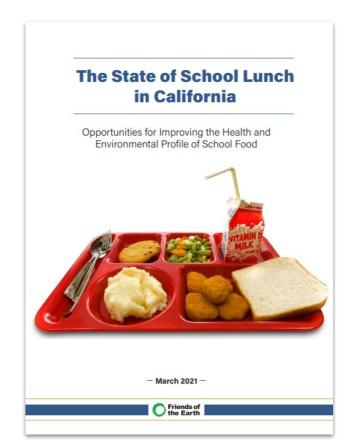




The State of School Lunch in California

Opportunities for Improving the Health and Environmental Profile of School Food

- Recent report highlights the need to make school food healthier, climate-friendly and accessible to all.
 - o Dual benefits for health and climate justice
- Policy recommendations
 - Financial incentives
 - Restructuring USDA Foods program
 - Increase meal reimbursement rates + Universal Free Meals
 - Expand and establish new grant programs



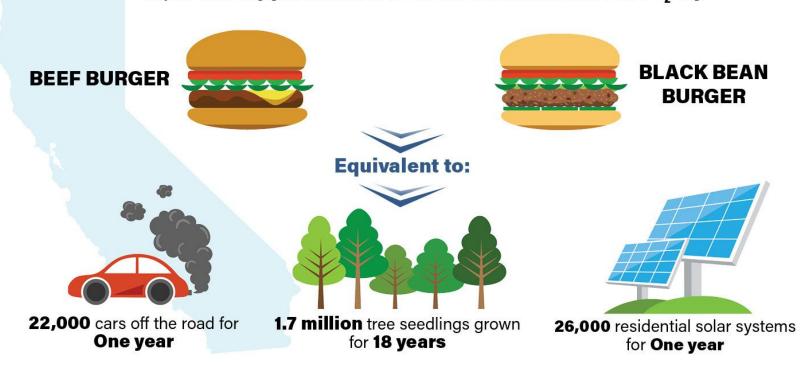
What can we do at the district level?

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

- Expand choices for plant-based and plant-forward (combined meat/dairy and plant protein) offerings on school food menus so that at least one plant-based entrée is featured every week (excluding PB&Js).
- Pass wellness and/or nutrition policies that eliminate or significantly reduce processed meat on school food menus and encourage serving organic and plant-based foods.
- Advocate for more plant-based sources of protein and higher quality animal products in USDA Foods.
- Expand sourcing of higher quality animal products from local and sustainable farms, with support from the California Farm to School Program and other federal programs.
- Adopt a <u>climate action resolution</u> that commits to pursue climate-friendly foodservice and set a district-wide goal for reducing the carbon footprint of school food.
- Work with NGOs and certification programs like the <u>Good Food Purchasing Program</u> and <u>Eat Real</u> that provide tools, standards and support for improving nutrition and sustainability sourcing.
- Take advantage of culinary training opportunities, kitchen equipment grants and farm-to-school programs to procure and serve scratch-cooked plant-based and plant-forward entrées (find resources here).

The Burger Swap!

If all school districts in California swapped out a beef burger for a black bean burger, on just one day per month, it would save 220 million lbs of CO₂-eq.



Please reach out!

For more information, resources, or to request support on implementing climate-friendly food strategies, email us at climatefriendlyfood@foe.org.



resources · events · grants

program integrity plan

PRO Tip: Download and edit this document to best fit your district's needs and file it away for your next audit.

Reminder: You do not need to submit it to the State at this time. Just make sure to file it somewhere where your staff can easily access and review it!



NEW! Program Integrity blog post!

sample Program Integrity Plan (Insert SFA Name)

instructions: Utilize this sample program integrity plan as a jumping-off point for your own internal departmental policy and procedure. This sample plan lists the program integrity measures that can be taken to ensure compliance with the nationwide COVID-19 waivers during School Year 20-21.

<u>To edit:</u> Click "File" then "Download as" and select "Word Documents. Be sure to save to your computer before making edits.

 Editor's Note: Hyperlinks (blue underlined text) indicate additional resources are available for <u>unchAssisst PRO</u> Members on The Collective. Click the hyperlinks below to view these exclusive resources!

Eligibility

- For sites with over 40-50% of children eligible for free or reduced-price meals, eligibility
 documents are maintained on file (direct certification documents, meal applications, evidence
 of approval for CEP or P2_etc.)
- For sites with less than 40-50% of children eligible for free or reduced-price meals, the area eligibility waiver has been filed and a copy is saved.

Meal Counting

- · Meal counts are recorded using the following method:
 - o Point of Sale Computer
 - Tally sheet
 - Clicker form
 - o (other)
- Meal counts are taken on a daily basis, for each reimbursable meal served during each meal service, and each location.
- Meal count records are reviewed for accuracy on a regular basis.
- . Meal count records are saved on file for a minimum of three years plus the current school year.
- More details are included in the Meal Count and Collection Procedures.

Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup and Preventing Duplicate Meals

- · Parents, guardians, or their designee(s) are permitted to pick up meals for their child(ren).
- When a parent/guardian arrives to pick up a meal(s), the program staff shall verbally confirm that meal(s) are being picked up for a child(ren) of age 18 or under.
- Optional: Program staff may request the parents to say the first and last name of the child(ren) for whom meals are being picked up.
- For closed enrolled sites only: Program staff shall verbally confirm that children are enrolled in the site.



CDC resources

Safely Distributing School Meals during COVID-19

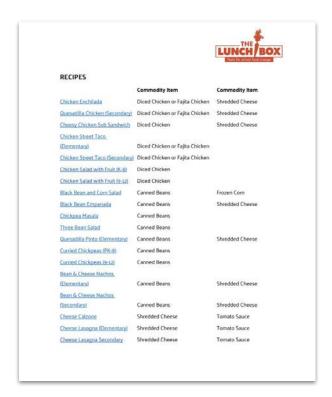
- NEW! Meals Eaten at School (In-Person Learning)
 - Meals in the Classroom
 - o Meals in the Cafeteria
- Meals Eaten Away from School (Virtual/Hybrid)
 - Drive-Through or Walk-Up Models
 - <u>Delivery Models</u>
 - Home Delivery
 - Mobile Route Delivery
 - Bus Route Delivery
- NEW! Checklist for School Nutrition Professionals
 Serving Meals Eaten at School

Checklist for School Nutrition Professionals Serving Meals Eaten at School Stay home if you are sick, have tested positive for COVID-19, are showing symptoms of COVID-19, or have recently had close contact (less than 6 feet for 15 minutes or more) with a person with COVID-19. Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol before, after, and during shift, before and after eating, after using the toilet, and after handling garbage, dirty dishes, or removing gloves. Wear a mask during your shift. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces. Surfaces that ome in contact with food should be washed, rinsed, and sanitized. Encourage students and staff to remain at least 6 feet apart in areas that can easily become crowded (for example, waiting in food service lines or trash disposal area) and while eating by providing physical guides, such as tape or graphics on floors or sidewalks and signs on walls. Reduce crowding by arranging food service lines and seating in ways that encourage physical distancing (at least 6 feet). Increase ventilation by offering meals outside or opening windows and doors. Maintain low occupancy in areas where outdoor ventilation cannot be increased. Avoid offering any self-serve food or drink options, such as hot and cold food bars, salad or condiment bars, and drink stations. Instead, serve grab-and-go items or individually plated meals. Clearly label or set aside meals for students with food allergies or dietary restrictions Ensure students are not sharing food or utensils. Install physical barriers in areas where it is difficult for people to remain at least 6 feet apart (for example, cash registers, tables). Encourage students and staff to wear masks when not eating or drinking. Hang posters that encourage staying home when sick and good hand hygiene practices. Place posters in highly visible locations. for example, around the school and kitchen. cdc.gov/coronavirus

commodity recipes I chef ann foundation

commodity recipe resource

- the lunch box commodity resource
- scale, cost, analyze recipes feature



CACFP | 2021 national conference

- virtual
- april 19-23
- registration rates & deadlines
 - standard registration: march 1-31
 - \$169 member | \$299 non-member
 - o late registration: april 1-15
 - \$199 member | \$349 non-member



free + virtual events

- april 7 | SGSO leadership institute
 - o strengthening equity and inclusivity
- april 8 | alliance for a healthier generation
 - o mental health literacy for food & nutrition professionals
- april 14 | SGSO leadership institute
 - o measuring impacts and sharing results in garden-based education

upcoming events

- april | garden month
 - USDA team nutrition resource
- april 22 | earth day
 - take action with earth day tips
- may 7 | SNA school lunch hero day
 - sample press release & proclamation
 - ways to recognize your school lunch heroes

Lesson 4

Planting the Seeds

Now that students have a deeper understanding and appreciation of the colorful world of fruits and vegetables, it is time to learn where these foods come from. Students will discover that all fruits and vegetables start as seeds and grow into plants. They will also feel a sense of pride and accomplishment when they get a chance to grow something themselves.

Supplies and Preparation

Discover MvPlate Components*

- The Five Food Groups poster
- · Food Cards
- Student Workbook (WB: Lesson 4, Activities 1-3):
- . [WB. p. 2] STAR Chart
- . [WB. p. 20] Time to Grow!
- [WB, p. 21] 1, 2, 3, 4 Grow, Fruit and Veggies,
- [WB, p. 22] Time for Strawberries

Additional Supplies

- Suggested books** for Book Club:
- . In the Garden with Dr. Carver by Susan Grigsby (Albert Whitman & Company, 2010)
- . Water, Weed, and Wait by Edith Hope Fine and Angela Demos Halpin (Tricycle Press, 2010)
- · Apple Countdown by Joan Halub (Albert Whitman & Company, 2009)
- . Tops and Bottoms by Janet Stevens (Harcourt Children's Books, 1995)
- Planting demonstration materials:
- Dry pinto beans (1 per student)
- . 1 container (large enough to soak all beans in 1 cup
- · Water (approximately 1 cup)
- 1 spray bottle (to hold water)

- . 3-4 sheets of paper towels
- · 3-4 paper plates
- · Plastic wrap
- · Small clear plastic cups with drainage holes punched in the bottom (1 cup per student)



- · Plastic spoons
- · Baking sheets/trays
- · Letter-sized plain white paper (3 sheets per student)

TOPIC: Fruits and Vegetables **Grow From**

Seeds

- Crayons, white paper, construction paper, scissors, glue, math manipulatives (or pennies, pretend money, or buttons for dramatic play), bulletin board paper, paint, star stickers, stapler
- * Order or download at http://teamnutrition.usda.gov.
- ** Mention of these materials is not an endorsement by the U.S. Department of Agriculture over other materials that may be available on this subject

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to...

- Describe how edible fruits and vegetables grow from a seed to a plant.
- Name three things a plant needs to grow.
- **Essential Questions**

- Where does food come from? How do fruits and vegetables grow?
- What does a plant need to grow?



40 Lesson 4

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national grant

- USDA | team nutrition training grant for school meals, cohort b
 - \$4.8 million total funding to 16 states
 - o for states not awarded cohort a grant
 - awards assist schools with F2S efforts
 - o april 19 | applications due
 - august I awards will be announced

FY 2021 Cohort B Team Nutrition Training Grant for School Meal Recipe Development



FNS expects to award approximately \$4.8 million in total funding (up to \$300,000 per state agency) to 16 states through a competitive award process. The FY 2021 Team Nutrition Training Grant for School Meal Recipe Development (Cohort B) will assist states in helping schools offer meals supported by recipes that utilize local agricultural products and reflect local food preparation practices and taste preferences. The FY 2021 Team Nutrition Training Grant will build upon, but not duplicate, existing Farm to School efforts in states by helping schools put local foods on the school meal menu through the development of tested recipes that meet school meal program requirements.

scholarships

- reminder: california food for california kids + lunchassist pro
 - sponsored membership available to all CFCK districts
 - o all of your SY 20-21 PD + access to exclusive tools, checklists, and resources
 - email krysta or mickinzie to sign up!
 - krysta@ecoliteracy.org or mickinzie@lunchassist.org





leadership



advocating for your team

listen to your team's concerns

publicly praise your team

seek growth opportunities

advocating for your **program**

- newsletters to families
- social media
- local news coverage



advocating politically

- social media campaigns
- letters of support or opposition
- legislator visits



Cafeteria Visits 101



discussion