

Kids Kitchens Healthy Meals

SB4

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What is a healthy meal?

- Our initiative will emphasize healthy, freshly prepared, and New Mexico-sourced meals.
- We believe that a healthy school meal should be appetizing, educational, freshly prepared, minimally processed, New Mexico-sourced, student and family-informed, and culturally responsive.
- Healthy meal improvement requirements will be determined through the rulemaking process.



How does it work?



1 Healthy, free meals for all - To ensure that every New Mexico student has access to high quality meals at no cost, the state will cover the price for all meals without consideration of students' eligibility for a federally funded free or reduced-price meals. A tiered, performance-based reimbursement will result in higher quality meals for all New Mexico students.

Estimated cost: \$30 million



2 New Mexico Grown incentive - The state is taking this one step further by incentivizing schools to purchase even more local, high-quality, and healthy ingredients from New Mexico farmers, ranchers, and food businesses.

Estimated cost: \$2 million



3 School kitchen infrastructure improvement - Invest in school kitchen equipment and upgrades so that schools have what they need to prepare more healthy, scratch-cooked meals for students.

Estimated cost: \$20 million



4 School nutrition workforce and infrastructure investment - Support collaboration between universities, colleges, and other essential organizations to improve K-12 meal quality and strengthen nutrition workforce pathways in K-12 settings.

Estimated cost: \$400,000



5 Food waste prevention and rescue - Schools will achieve the lowest level of food waste by ensuring longer seat time for students in grades K-5, and rescuing food for reuse when possible.

Estimated cost: \$0



Priority Areas

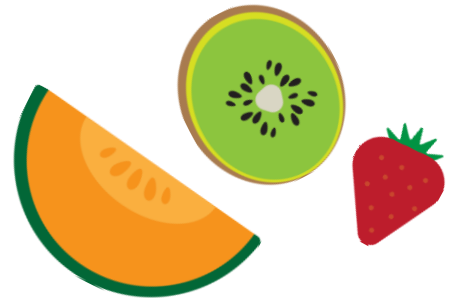
- New Mexico Grown – Purchasing and Processing Locally
- Freshly Prepared – Scratch Cooked Meals
- Engagement of Student and Family Voice
- Food & Nutrition Education
- Food Waste
- Certification Process



Current Stage – Listening Session



- SB4 Passage and Adoption
- Currently Engaging Stakeholders and Rule Making
 - Listening Sessions across the State
- Developing Resources
 - Human and Material Resources
 - Trainings
 - Website
 - Information Sessions



State Charter Schools Participating in the NSLP SY23 vs SY24

Summary of Program Option

Program Option	Count	Percent
CEP	22	39%
Standard	20	35%
N/A (Not participating in the NSLP)	15	26%
Total	57	100%

NSLP Participating Charter Schools based on Claims Made (as of 11/14/2023)

	FY24	FY23
Site count claims made	40	39
Site count no claims	17	18
Percent of State Charters with NSLP claim	70.18%	68.42%



Average Daily Participation Comparison

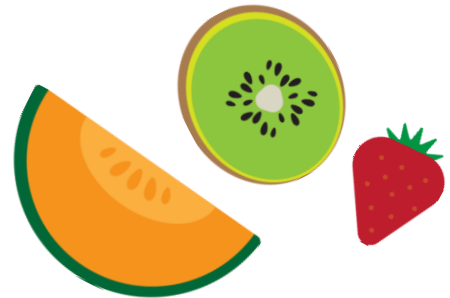


Average Daily Participation – State Charters

Row Labels	ADP (Breakfast/Meals Possible)	ADP (Lunch/Meals Possible)
2024	50.1%	62.6%
2023	40.2%	53.3%
Diff.	9.83%	9.35%

Average Daily Participation – Statewide

Row Labels	ADP (Breakfast/Meals Possible)	ADP (Lunch/Meals Possible)
2024	38.6%	55.7%
2023	35.6%	52.7%
Diff.	2.99%	2.98%



Food Service Operator – State Charter Schools



Food Service Operator	Count
N/A (Not participating in NSLP)	15
Self Operating	7
Nearby SFA (APS, BPS, LCPS)	6
Food Service Management Company	29



Funding Available to Support SFAs

- \$21,799,000 – State Flowthrough for Healthy Universal School Meals
- \$20 Million in School Kitchen Infrastructure Improvement Grant – Due Nov. 17
- \$2 Million in New Mexico Grown – to purchase from local farmers/ranchers
- \$254,071.00 in Equipment Grant



NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH & BREAKFAST PROGRAM IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

JUNE & JULY

- Submit claim for previous month between the 1st & 10th of every month. **NO LATER THAN THE 10th**. This includes Seamless Summer Option (SSO) if participating. <https://sns.ped.state.nm.us/PORTAL/start.aspx>
- Receive income eligibility guidelines from PED.
- Begin drafting Free & Reduced applications. **Can begin distribution July 1**
- Review and update Wellness Policy & HACCP Plan
- Update required signage.
- Send out Public Media Release **AFTER JULY 1st**
- Work with STARS Coordinator for Direct Certification
- **NSLP, SNACK & SSO APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ANNUALLY NO LATER THAN JUNE 30TH**. <https://sns.ped.state.nm.us/PORTAL/start.aspx>
- Update New Staff and contact information with PED.
- Confirm Non-Discrimination Statement is up to date.

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

- Submit claim for previous month between the 1st & 10th of every month. **NO LATER THAN THE 10th**
- Distribute, Collect, and Process Free & Reduced Applications
- First Direct Cert. Make sure to send out notification letters.
- Remember previous years F&R application will expire after the first 30 Operating days.
- Send out Request for two required Health Inspections per School Year, to the Department of Health
- COMPLETE ANNUAL CIVIL RIGHTS TRAINING
- Complete On Site Review for NSLP & Snack

OCTOBER

- Submit claim **no later than the 10th for previous month**.
 - Direct Cert Sept 30th
 - Start preparing for verification report.
- NOVEMBER**
- Annual Financial report due (Private schools, BIA, & RCCI's) **Due Oct 1**
 - Public Schools Annual Report **Due Oct 15/1** is the last day to submit verification summary report.

DECEMBER/JANUARY

- Submit claim for previous month between the 1st & 10th of every month.
- **Dec 15th** deadline for Civil Rights compliance form completion
- Consider applying to serve At-Risk meals for Winter Break
- **JAN-** Make sure all professional Standards are being met.
- Conduct On-Site Monitoring Reviews, **Due Feb 1**

FEBRUARY & MARCH

- **JAN-** Make sure all professional Standards are being met.
- Conduct On-Site Monitoring Review **Due Feb 1**
- **FEB-** Equipment Grant Application opens.
- **2/1** is the last day to submit verification summary report.
- **MAR-** Celebrate National School Breakfast Week
- **Fresh Fruit & Veg App opens in Feb! Due March.**
- **Complete New Mexico Grown Application when available.**
- **Annual Ordering of commodities USDA**

APRIL & MAY

- **APRIL-** Conduct Direct Certification for purposes of annual verified student and enrollment data.
- **MAY-** Close out standard SY if applicable
- Complete all claims.

DAILY, WEEKLY & MONTHLY

- **DAILY:** Count & Claim at the Point of Service
- Complete ALL production Records and Temp logs **DAILY**.
- **WEEKLY-** Consolidate Numbers in preparation for claim.
- **MONTHLY-** Edit Checks
- **CLAIMS ARE DUE BY THE 10TH**.

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Thank You!



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