

# What's New in School Nutrition

## SY 2016-17

### **Administrative Review Repeat Findings**

If your district had Menu Review findings during your last Administrative Review, you will receive a letter outlining the errors. If the same error is found during your SY16-17 review it is considered a repeat finding and will be subject to fiscal action.

If you have questions regarding this topic contact Jill Griffin, Menu Analyst, at 406-444-3574 or [jgriffin3@mt.gov](mailto:jgriffin3@mt.gov).

### **Charging Policies for Unpaid Meals—[SP 46-2016](#)**

Starting in SY2016-17 all school districts must adopt a district-wide charging policy and communicate it to households. It is up to districts to decide how they would like to handle unpaid meal charges but you must make sure the policy is written and equally enforced. Keep in mind that overt identification of a student's free/reduced/paid status is not permissible.

Check out the OPI School Nutrition Program [website](#) for more information or call OPI School Nutrition Programs at 406-444-2501.

### **Procurement Reviews**

OPI School Nutrition staff will begin to evaluate compliance with [procurement regulations](#) during Administrative Reviews. All items using non-profit Federal school nutrition funds must be competitively purchased.

All school districts must develop written documentation of procurement procedures that include school nutrition expenditures. All districts must have their procurement guidelines in writing, maintain a written standard of conduct following 2 CFR 200.318(c)(1) and have written protest procedures in place to handle and resolve any disputes relating to their procurement processes.

For more information visit the School Nutrition [procurement webpage](#) or call Camille McGoven at 444-4415 or [cmcgoven@mt.gov](mailto:cmcgoven@mt.gov).

### **Smart Snacks in Schools**

All foods sold to students during the school day (midnight the day of school until 30 minutes after the final bell rings) must meet [Smart Snack guidelines](#). Smart Snacks includes fundraisers, vending machines, school stores and a la carte items sold in addition to the school meal.

Administrative Reviews this year will evaluate food sales on a district basis and provide feedback of district practices.

For more information visit the School Nutrition Program webpage or contact Katie Bark at 406-994-5641 or [kbark@mt.gov](mailto:kbark@mt.gov).

### **Wellness Policy [Updates](#)**

District Wellness Policies must be updated annually and assessed every three years. In SY16-17, districts need to revise wellness policies and include language that discusses local policy on foods available on school campus during the school day (e.g. classroom parties and as rewards.)

The MT Team Nutrition Wellness Policy [Assessment Tool](#) can be used to meet the assessment requirement.

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