



Montana School Nutrition Programs 2022 Notice of Proposed School Nutrition Program Regulation Waiver Request

The Office of Public Instruction School Nutrition Programs submitted a waiver request to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the program requirements listed below. For more information, please contact Christine Emerson at cemerson@mt.gov.

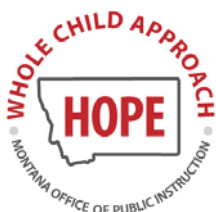
Extension of Community Eligibility Provision Deadlines

The Montana Office of Public Instruction is requesting an extension of the annual CEP deadlines for school districts in good standing to continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Specific Program requirements to be waived [Section 12(I)(2)(A)(i) of the NSLA]:

- ISP Data as of April 1 under Sections 11(a)(1)(F)(iii)(I)(bb), (a)(1)(F)(iv)(I)(bb), (a)(1)(F)(v)(I), and (a)(1)(F)(v)(II)(bb) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA), 42 U.S.C. 1759a, and FNS regulations at 7 CFR 245.9(f)(3)(I), (f)(4)(i), (f)(4)(v)(A), (f)(4)(viii), and (f)(4)(ix)
- LEA Notification Requirements under Section 11(a)(1)(F)(x)(IV) of the NSLA, 42 U.S.C. 1759a and 7 CFR 245.9(f)(5)
- State Agency Notification Requirements under Section 11(a)(1)(F)(x)(II) of the NSLA, 42 U.S.C. 1759a and 7 CFR 245.9(f)(6)
- State Agency Publication Requirements under Section 11(a)(1)(F)(x)(III) of the NSLA, 42 U.S.C. 1759a and 7 CFR 245.9(f)(7)
- June 30 election date under Section 11(a)(1)(F)(x)(I) of the NSLA, 42 U.S.C. 1759a and FNS regulations at 7 CFR 245.9(f)(4)(a)
- Approved waivers will allow the State to make the following adjustments to annual CEP deadlines for SY 2022-2023:

| CEP Requirement | Annual Deadline | Waiver Deadline |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Data Used to Calculate ISP | April 1 | Anytime between July 1, 2021 & June 30, 2022 |
| LEA Notification | April 15 | June 30, 2022 |
| State Agency Notification | April 15 | June 30, 2022 |
| State Agency Publication | May 1 | June 30, 2022 |
| Elect CEP for SY 2022-23 | June 30 | September 30, 2022 |



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