

**Arkansas Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Division
Nutrition Services**

Agreement & Policy Statement to Administer the School Breakfast Program, National School Lunch Program, After School Snack Program, and Seamless Summer Option (as applicable)
School Year 2026-2027 Signature Page

My signature below indicates that I understand and agree to all the terms and conditions contained in the 2026-2027 Agreement and Policy Statement to operate the School Breakfast Program, National School Lunch Program, After School Snack Program, and Seamless Summer Option (as applicable) and will ensure all school personnel abide with the provisions set forth in the Agreement and Policy Statement.

[District Name]

[LEA #]

Superintendent:

[Print]

[Signature]

[Date]

Child Nutrition Director:

[Print]

[Signature]

[Date]

Will the person signing this document be the Superintendent/CND for the upcoming school year? Yes No
If no, please provide updated contact information on Schedule E.

Email completed materials to: ADE.CNU-A-PS@ade.arkansas.gov

Nutrition Services Use Only:

Approved by:

**Arkansas Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Division
Nutrition Services
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Little Rock, AR 72205**

Date

SFA/School District:

LEA #:

ORIGINAL AGREEMENT 2026-2027**BETWEEN SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITY (SFA) AND****ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Division, Nutrition Services (NS)**

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM (NSLP) CFDA# 10.555				SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM (SBP) CFDA# 10.555/10.553					
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Session	Dates:		Start Date	End Date	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Session	Dates:		Start Date	End Date
	# of serving days:					# of serving days:			
<input type="checkbox"/> ADA Regular Summer Session	Dates:		Start Date	End Date	<input type="checkbox"/> ADA Regular Summer Session	Dates:		Start Date	End Date
	# of serving days:					# of serving days:			
*ADE SEAMLESS SUMMER OPTION (SSO) for Summer 27 CFDA# 10.555									
<input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast	Dates:		Start Date	End Date	<input type="checkbox"/> Snack	Dates:		Start Date	End Date
	# of serving days:					# of serving days:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Lunch	Dates:		Start Date	End Date	<input type="checkbox"/> Supper	Dates:		Start Date	End Date
	# of serving days:					# of serving days:			
*This program requires a separate Seamless Summer Schedule C-27, which can be found inside this packet.									
*AFTERSCHOOL SNACK PROGRAM (ASP) CFDA# 10.555					**SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM (SMP)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Session	Dates:		Start Date	End Date	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Session	Dates:		Start Date	End Date
	# of serving days:					# of serving days:			
<input type="checkbox"/> ADA Regular Summer Session	Dates:		Start Date	End Date	<input type="checkbox"/> ADA Regular Summer Session	Dates:		Start Date	End Date
	# of serving days:					# of serving days:			
*This program requires a separate Schedule B, which can be found inside this packet.									
Arkansas Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Division, Nutrition Services Program FFATA Funding Source for LEA Sub Awards DCFDA Title: Child Nutrition Cluster CFDA#: 10.555 Award Name: Child Nutrition Federal Agency: United States Department of Agriculture School Year: 2026-2027 Funded by Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026 and 2027.									

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**Agreement 2026-2027
Between School Food Authority (SFA) and Nutrition Services (NS)**

The SFA agrees to comply with all rules and regulations in accordance with the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 79 P.L. 396, 60 Stat. 230; as amended through P.L. 116-94, Enacted December 20, 2019.

The SFA and participating schools under its jurisdiction shall comply with all provisions related to federal, state, and local applicable laws including, but not limited to:

- 7 CFR 15 – Non-Discrimination
- 7 CFR 210 – National School Lunch Program
- 7 CFR 215 – Special Milk
- 7 CFR 220 – School Breakfast Program
- 7 CFR 225 – Summer Food Service Program
- 7 CFR 226 – Child and Adult Food Care Program
- 7 CFR 245 – Free & Reduced Price Eligibility
- 7 CFR 250 – Food Distribution Program
- 7 CFR 292 – Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer Program
- 2 CFR 200 & 400– Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards
- FNS Instruction 113-1 Civil Rights Compliance and Enforcement
- A.C.A. § 6-18-705 - Breakfast Program
- A.C.A. § 6-18-709 - School Lunch Menus
- A.C.A. § 6-18-715 - Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act
- A.C.A § 6-18-719- Healthy Active Arkansas Schools
- A.C.A § 6-18-722- Free and Reduced- Price Meals
- A.C.A. § 6-20-7 – School Lunch Program
- A.C.A. § 20-7-134, § 20-7-135 – Powers and duties; Nutrition and physical activity standards -Implementation.
 - Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Rules Governing Nutrition and Physical Activity Standards and Body Mass Index for Age Assessment Protocols in Arkansas Public Schools
 - Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Certification and Continuing Professional Development of Child Nutrition Directors, Managers, and Workers

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Menu Planning

The SFA agrees to comply with the meal pattern requirements in effect for school year 2025-2026, in accordance with 7 CFR Part 210.10, 220.8, and 226.20, as applicable.

Pre-K students who eat in the cafeteria and are co-mingled (mixed in) kindergarten and higher grades may follow the NSLP, SBP, and ASSP meal patterns. Pre-K students who enter the cafeteria and can be separated in any way are NOT considered co-mingled (mixed in) and must use the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) meal pattern outlined in 7 CFR 226.20.

Food Safety Plan

The SFA agrees to comply with the Facilities Management requirements in accordance with 7 CFR 210.13 which includes obtaining two food safety inspections during each school year and developing a written food safety plan based on Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP).

Procurement

The SFA agrees to comply with federal, state, and local procurement requirements in accordance with 2 CFR 200, 7 CFR 210.21, 7 CFR 220.16, 7 CFR 250.31, Arkansas Procurement Laws and Rules, AR Code § 6-21-304, and all other applicable procurement regulations. Purchases must be conducted with the most restrictive procurement threshold.

Local School Wellness Policy

The SFA agrees to comply with the local school wellness policy requirement in accordance with 7 CFR Part 210.31, AR Code. § 20-7-134, 20-7-135, and Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Rules Governing Nutrition and Physical Activity Standards and Body Mass Index for Age Assessment Protocols in Arkansas Public Schools (November 2022).

Online Claim for Reimbursement

The SFA shall establish internal controls which ensure the accuracy of meal counts prior to the submission of the monthly Claim for Reimbursement in accordance with 7 CFR 210.8(a). There must be three (3) separate people involved in the entry, submission, and approval for the claim for reimbursement.

Professional Standards

The SFA agrees to comply with the Professional Standards for School nutrition programs personnel in accordance with 7 CFR 210.30, AR Code. § 20-7-134, 20-7-135, and Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Certification and Continuing Professional Development of Child Nutrition Directors, Managers, and Workers.

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Civil Rights

The SFA agrees to comply with FNS Instruction 113-1.

Data Collection

The SFA agrees to comply with the Department of Justice Regulations in accordance with 28 CFR Part 42 on the collection and reporting of data on the actual number of children applying for free and reduced price meals or free milk, by ethnic/racial group.

Accommodating Children with Disabilities

The SFA agrees to accommodate children with disabilities consistent with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as amended, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1990, and in accordance with 7 CFR 15b Nondiscrimination on the basis of handicap in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance.

Limited English Proficiency

The SFA agrees to take reasonable steps to provide meaningful language access for limited English proficient (LEP) individuals and effective communication for individuals with disabilities.

Civil Rights Assurances

The program applicant hereby agrees that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.); all provisions required by the implementing regulations of the Department of Agriculture; Department of Justice Enforcement Guidelines, 28 CFR Part SO.3 and 42; and FNS directives and guidelines, to the effect that, no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity for which the program applicant receives Federal financial assistance from FNS; and hereby gives assurance that it will immediately take measures necessary to effectuate this agreement.”

“By accepting this assurance, the Program applicant agrees to compile data, maintain records, and submit reports as required, to permit effective enforcement of nondiscrimination laws and permit authorized USDA personnel during hours of program operation to review such records, books, and accounts as needed to ascertain compliance with the nondiscrimination laws. If there are any violations of this assurance, the Department of Agriculture, FNS, shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance. This assurance is binding on the Program applicant, its successors, transferee's, and assignees as long as it receives assistance or retains possession of any assistance from USDA. The person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign this assurance on the behalf of the Program applicant.”