

USDA School Nutrition Programs in Nevada

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Today's Agenda

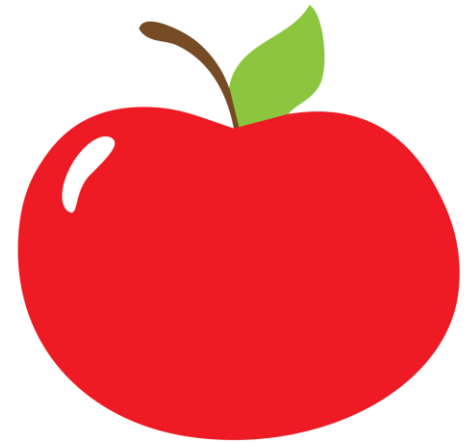
FND School Nutrition (SN)

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- Participation
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FND School Nutrition

Mission statement:

Ensuring Nevada's school children have nutritious meals



USDA Programs

- National School Lunch (NSLP)
- School Breakfast Programs (SBP)
- Afterschool Snack Program (ASP)
- Seamless Summer Option (SSO)
- Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program (FFVP)



National School Lunch Program (NSLP)

- Established under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, signed into law by President Harry Truman in 1946.
- Provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to children each school day.

(Source: USDA)

NSLP

- Operated by public or non-profit private schools of high school grade or below, private residential child care institutions (RCCI's), and charter schools may also participate as public schools.
- These participating School Food Authorities (SFAs) receive cash subsidies and USDA Foods for each reimbursable meal they serve. In exchange, institutions must serve lunches that meet Federal meal pattern requirements and offer the lunches at a free or reduced price to eligible children.

(Source: USDA)

School Breakfast Program (SBP)

- Same eligibility and operational requirements as NSLP.
- All school breakfasts must meet Federal nutrition requirements, though decisions about the specific foods to serve and how the foods are prepared are made by local SFAs.

SBP

Nevada SB503 (2015) and SB3 (2017):

- Requires Nevada schools with $\geq 70\%$ free/reduced lunch (FRL) eligibility to implement an option for students to have breakfast after the start of the school day.

Afterschool Snack Program (ASP)

- The SFA must operate NSLP and sponsor or run an afterschool care program that provides children with regularly scheduled educational or enrichment activities in a supervised environment.
- SFAs participating in ASP receive cash subsidies for each snack they serve.
- In return, they must serve snacks that meet Federal requirements, and they must offer free or reduced price snacks to eligible children.

(Source: USDA)

Seamless Summer Option (SSO)

- Makes it possible for schools to provide nutritious meals when the school year ends.
- Upon NDA approval, the school serves meals free of charge to children through age 18, under the NSLP, SBP, ASP rules.
- All meals are reimbursed at the free rates for NSLP, SBP, ASP - which are slightly lower than the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) rate

(Source: USDA)

Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program (FFVP)

- Federally assisted program provides free fresh fruits and vegetables to children at eligible elementary schools during the school day.
- Elementary schools (only) with $\geq 50\%$ FRL eligibility and that operate NSLP.
- Schools must serve FFVP produce outside of SBP, NSLP meal service times, and include nutrition education.
- \$50-\$75 per student

(Source: USDA)

Special Milk Program (SMP)

- Provides milk to children in schools, child care institutions and eligible camps that do not participate in other Federal child nutrition meal service programs.
- The program reimburses schools and institutions for the milk they serve.

(Source: USDA)

SN Program Student Eligibility

- Children from families with incomes at or below 130 percent of the Federal poverty level are eligible for free meals.
- Those with incomes between 130 and 185 percent of the Federal poverty level are eligible for reduced price meals.

SN Program Student Eligibility

- School aged children are “categorically eligible” for free meals through participation in certain Federal Assistance Programs (e.g. SNAP) or based on their status as a homeless, migrant, runaway, or foster child.
- Children enrolled in a federally-funded Head Start Program, or a comparable State-funded pre-kindergarten program, are also categorically eligible for free meals.

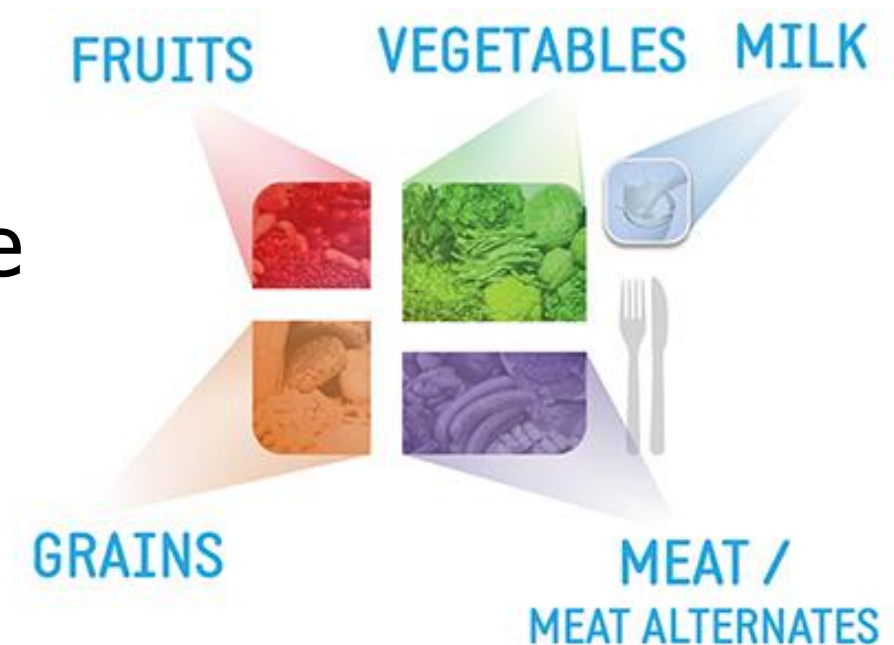
SN Program Student Eligibility

Nevada Direct Certification

- Students participating in Federal Assistance Programs are matched with statewide student data by the NV Department of Education.
- Matched students are automatically eligible for free or reduced priced meals.
- Lists are sent directly to the SFAs twice monthly.

NSLP & SBP Nutrition: Meal Pattern

- Meat/Meat Alternate
- Whole Grains
- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Low Fat or Fat Free Milk



NSLP Meal Pattern

Amount of Food per Week (Minimum per Day)

	Grades K-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12
Fruits (cups)	2 ½ (1/2)	2 ½ (1/2)	5 (1)
Vegetables (cups)	3 ¾ (3/4)	3 ¾ (3/4)	5 (1)
Dark Green	½	½	½
Red/Orange	¾	¾	1 ¼
Beans and peas (legumes)	½	½	½
Starchy	½	½	½
Other	½	½	1 ½
Additional Vegetable	1	1	1 ½

NSLP Meal Pattern (Continued)

Amount of Food per Week (Minimum per Day)

	Grades K-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12
Grains (oz eq)	8-9 (1)	8-10 (1)	10-12 (2)
Meat/Meat Meal Alternate (oz eq)	8-10 (1)	9-10 (1)	10-12 (2)
Fluid milk (cups)	5 (1)	5 (1)	5 (1)

Other Specifications: Daily Amount Based on the Average for 5-Day Week

Min-Max Calories	550-650	600-700	750-850
Saturated Fat (% of total calories)	<10	<10	<10
Sodium Target	<935	<1035	<1080
Trans Fat	0	0	0

SBP Meal Pattern

Amount of Food per Week (Minimum per Day)

	Grades K-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12
Fruits (cups)	5(1)	5 (1)	5(1)
Vegetables(cups)	0	0	0
Dark Green	0	0	0
Red/Orange	0	0	0
Beans and peas (legumes)	0	0	0
Starchy	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0

SBP Meal Pattern (Continued)

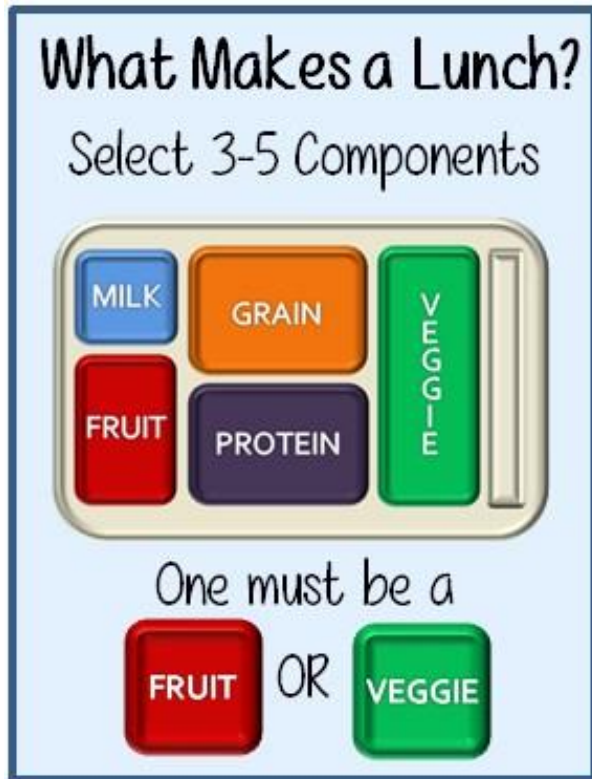
Amount of Food per Week (Minimum per Day)

	Grades K-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12
Grains (oz eq)	7-10 (1)	8-10 (1)	9-10 (2)
Meat/Meat Meal Alternate (oz eq)	0	0	0
Fluid milk (cups)	5 (1)	5 (1)	5 (1)
Other Specifications: Daily Amount Based on the Average for 5-Day Week			
Min-Max Calories	350-500	400-550	450-600
Saturated Fat (% of total calories)	<10	<10	<10
Sodium Target	<485	<535	<570
Trans Fat	0	0	0

ASP Meal Pattern

Component	Serving Size	
Milk	1 cup	Fluid Milk
Fruit	¾ cup	100% Juice, fruit
Vegetable	¾ cup	100% juice, fruit
Grains	1 slice 1 serving ¾ cup ½ cup ½ cup	Bread Cornbread, biscuit, roll, muffin Cold dry cereal Hot cooked cereal Pasta or noodles
Meat/Meat Alternate	1 oz. 1 oz. 1 oz. ½ large ¼ cup 2 Tbsp 1 oz 4 oz	Lean meat, poultry, fish Alternate protein product Cheese Egg Cooked dry beans or peas Peanut or other nut/seed butter Nuts and or seeds yogurt

Reimbursable Meals



- The meal or snack selected / taken by students must contain the specific meal components.
- The minimum quantity must be met for each component for reimbursement.

Current SN Reimbursement Rates

SY2018-2019 NSLP Reimbursement Rates

	Rate	Rate +.06 cents**
Free	\$3.33	\$3.39
Reduced	\$2.93	\$2.99
Paid	\$0.33	\$0.39

SY2018-2019 SBP Reimbursement Rates

	Rate
Free	\$1.79
Reduced	\$1.49
Paid	\$0.31

SY2018-2019 Snack Reimbursement Rates

	Rate
Free	\$0.91
Reduced	\$0.45
Paid	\$0.08

**\$0.06 cent performance based reimbursement is added to lunch claim rates when the state agency certifies that the SFA's menu meets all meal pattern requirements.

NSLP & SBP Program Participation

Nevada

- Sixteen School Districts
- Fifteen Charter School holders
- Ten RCCI's
- Two Tribal Schools
- One Private School

Total = 44 SFAs

Nevada School District Map



NSLP Participation

NSLP: Total Lunches Served

	FY 2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018 (preliminary)
Nevada	36,436,910	37,017,591	37,194,400	38,835,340	37,370,192

Source: USDA, 2019

NSLP: Total Participation (updated June '19)

	FY 2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018 (preliminary)
Nevada	212,395	216,392	222,218	224,528	227,933

Participation data are nine-month averages; summer months (June-August) are excluded. Participation is based on average daily meals divided by an attendance factor of 0.927

Source: USDA, 2019

SBP Participation

School Breakfast Program: Total Breakfasts Served (updated June '19)

	FY 2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018 (preliminary)
Nevada	15,886,299	16, 511, 530	20,523,883	24,216,818	22,528,534

Source: USDA

School Breakfast Program: Total Participation (updated June '19)

	FY 2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018 (preliminary)
Nevada	90,758	93,944	121,311	139,251	135,805

Participation data are nine-month averages; summer months (June-August) are excluded. Participation is based on average daily meals divided by an attendance factor of 0.927

Source: USDA

2018-19 SN Successes

SSO Expansion

	2017	2018	2019
SSO Approved Sites	103	126	141

2018-19 SN Successes

FFVP

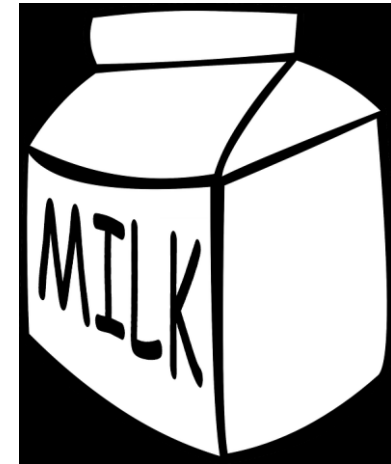
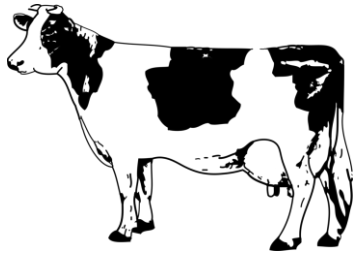
- Nevada received increase Federal award for SY19-20!

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Funding					
	FY 2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020
Nevada	2,253,895	2,080,538	2,413,378	2,480,006	2,805,156
Source: USDA					

2018-19 SN Successes

Clark County School District

100% school milk being procured from Ponderosa Dairies, in Nye County



2018-19 SN Successes

Nye County School District

- First district-wide Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) participation beginning in SY2019-20



2018-19 SN Successes

Northeastern Juvenile Detention Center (RCCI):

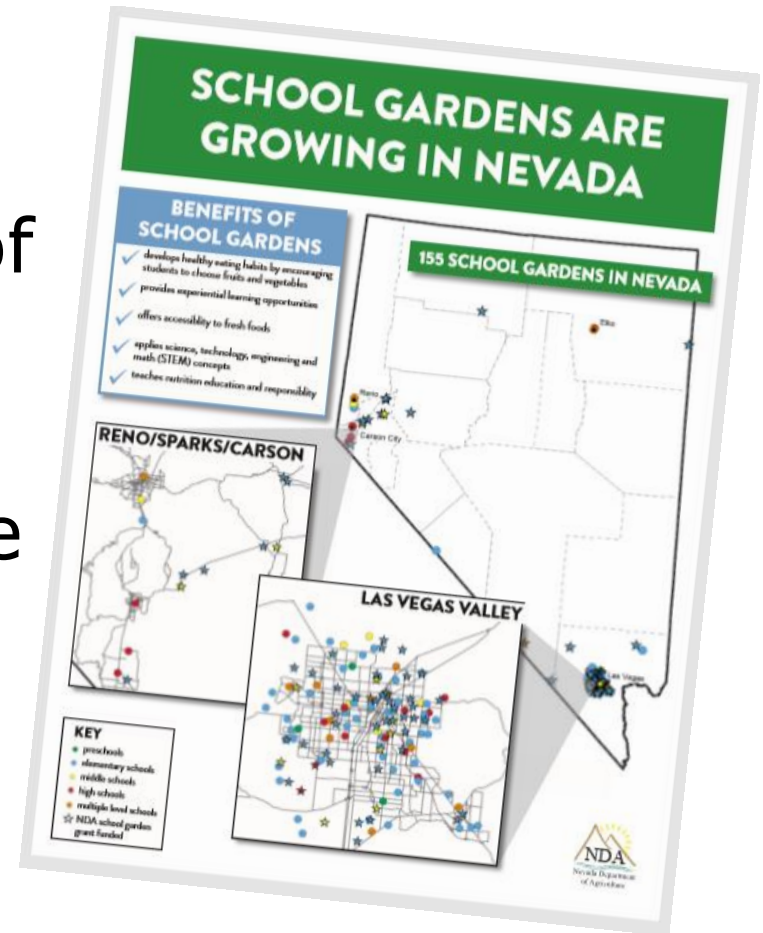
- Greenhouse purchased with non-profit food service account funds now provides fresh fruits & veggies for their NSLP program.



2018-19 SN Successes

Farm to School

- Increase in the number of school gardens reported.
- Distributed \$200K in funds from SB167 to Title 1 schools for school gardens.



2018-19 SN Successes

- **School Lunch Observations**
 - Greater variety of menu items
 - More salad bars
 - More fresh fruits & veggies



Pahrump Valley High School
Nye County

FND SN Program Challenges / Obstacles

- Improving overall school meal quality, appeal, nutrition and perception of school food.
- Achieving important technology-related updates for the management of SN programs.
- Administrative burden related to meeting programmatic SN requirements.