
Questions and Answers

General Questions:

Q. I have been unable to find the on-site review checklist on the IDOE website. Can you please go over where that is?
A. The On-Site Review Checklist is posted on IowaCNP in the Download Forms section, *NSLP 260 Self-Monitoring Form-On Site-updated*

Q. Can the first New Manger’s Webinar be accessed as a taping?
A. Yes, the recording is available. E-mail Jan.Steffen@iowa.gov for the link

USDA Foods Questions

Q. Will the list of foods being offered on the Direct Distribution orders for SY 17-18 be available before we sign up for Diverted Foods?
A. A tentative listing will be made available as soon as possible. Unfortunately we don’t know that soon if all truckloads we’ve requested will be purchased by USDA, but Sarah will try to supply an estimated list before the DF Requests are due.

Q. Are you doing away with the orange chicken or low on it?
A. The orange chicken was a struggle this year due to the original awarded vendor having supply issues. The new vendor Schwan’s has been fulfilling orders currently, without issue.

Q. Can you do the DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program if you are an RCCI and don’t get PAL money?
A. If you are participating in the National School Lunch Program, than you do get PAL money. The PAL amount is based off the number of reimbursable meals served in the previous school year and multiplied by the federal meal rate. However, as an RCCI your PAL dollars may not be much, so it could be difficult to participate in more than one of the USDA Food options. Your delivery site would also need to be approved by Loffredo to be included on a delivery route, so some sites may not be approved the first year they request.

Q. What are the websites used for tracking of PAL?
A. There are multiple sites for tracking your PAL dollars depending on which programs you participate in. A general overview of your PAL dollars is tracked in the *IowaUSDAFoods System*, where the Direct Distribution orders are placed. For detailed information on your DoD PAL dollars you would see those in the DOD ordering website *FFAVORS*. For detailed information on your DF PAL dollars you would track those in two different websites *k12foodservice* and
There are two sites for Diverted Foods because companies have the option of choosing on over the other, or neither. Currently we don’t have any companies that don’t use one of the tracking websites, but that could happen in the future.

Q. Can a school participate in all three programs at once? Split their PAL between the three?
A. Yes a school can participate in all three, or any combination of the three that fits their needs. The more programs you participate in, you’ll want to be mindful to be sure you are drawing down funds in all three areas. However, by participating in two or three, it does allow more flexibility in the spending. This can help ensure all dollars are drawn down by the end of the school year.

Q. If we set aside dollars for Diverted Foods for a certain item and the kids do not like that item, can we move the dollars back to our DD food orders?
A. Yes. The Diverted Foods program has some flexibility to move pounds around. You could reallocate to the Direct Delivery orders, allocate more pounds at a different Diverted Foods processor, or even allocate to the DoD program.

Q. Is the date set for the commodity food show in March?
A. Yes the food show is set for March 29, 2017. The food show will be held in conjunction with the SNAI Directors meeting here in Des Moines at the airport Holiday Inn. More information about registration and times will come out late February.