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Managing Food Allergies in Schools

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has released a new [tool kit](#) for managing food allergies in schools. The tool kit includes tip sheets, training presentations, and podcasts that provide resources for superintendents, principals, teachers, food services staff, bus drivers, and counselors.

Food allergies affect 4% - 6% of children in the United States. Allergic reactions can be life threatening and have far-reaching effects on children, their families, and the programs the children attend.

Sponsors participating in Child Nutrition Programs are [required to provide accommodations](#) for individuals who need to improve or control any condition recognized as a disability. Some common examples requiring accommodations include conditions such as food allergies, celiac disease, and diabetes. The list of recognized medical providers able to authorize meal accommodations has recently been expanded and [medical statement forms](#) have been updated to reflect the change. When making accommodations, be sure to access the ODE Special Dietary Needs [webpage](#) for forms, resources, and guidance.

The CDC has multiple resources for food allergy management on their Food Allergies in Schools [webpage](#). These resources include the [Voluntary Guidelines for Managing Food Allergies In Schools and Early Care and Education Programs](#) and the [Food Allergy Guidelines FAQs](#). Be sure to use these newly developed resources to incorporate best practices for keeping children safe when developing health plans in the 2015-16 school year.

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ODE and USDA Policy Memos

ODE and USDA policy memos are located on the [ODE website](#). Sponsors are responsible for operating Child Nutrition Programs in compliance with all local, state, and federal regulations and official policy guidance. Memos listed with 'Action Required' require sponsors to complete the processes outlined in the memo and submit documentation to ODE and/or complete documentation and maintain in their files.

Issue Date	Title	Applicable Program
3/30/2015	SP 32-2015 – Statements Supporting Accommodations for Children with Disabilities in the Child Nutrition Programs	<i>Sponsors of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs</i>

School Nutrition Programs Mandatory Annual Training

The School Nutrition Programs' [mandatory annual training](#) is now available on the [SNP Training Center](#). The CNP Program Manager, as listed in CNPweb, must view all of the annual training sections.

The training sections this year are:

- Meal Counting and Claiming
- Special Dietary Needs
- Approving a Paper Confidential Family Application for Free & Reduced Meals
- Offer vs Serve
- Civil Rights

The CNP Program Manager must submit proof of completion to ode.schoolnutrition@state.or.us using the email template as directed in the SNP Annual Training instructions. Additional Sponsor staff may view the trainings without submitting proof of completion.

The deadline for completion of the mandatory annual training is Friday, June 5th. If the annual training and submission of proof of completion by email are not completed by the deadline by the CNP Program Manager, then claims for reimbursement will be withheld.

NFSMI Orientation to School Nutrition Management

The [National Food Service Management Institute](#) is offering [Orientation to School Nutrition Management](#), a free training in Oxford, Mississippi June 8-12, 2015. Orientation to School Nutrition Management is a 5 day training that provides an overview of the management components of school nutrition programs. The target audience is school nutrition program staff with fewer than 5 years' experience as a director, those desiring to advance their careers, and state agency staff, specialists and trainers.

The training and materials are free of charge; however participants are responsible for their own travel expenses. Contact Lisa Rogers at ltrogers@olemiss.edu or by phone at 1-800-321-3054, for more information.

New Tool Makes it Easier for Schools to Source Oregon Foods

A new tool has been developed by the nonprofit Ecotrust specifically to help school/preschool food buyers easily find more local fruits and vegetables. It's called the [Oregon Harvest for Schools Portal](#) and is hosted on the website FoodHub. On this new page, school district food buyers can easily search for farmers that supply each of the **36 Oregon Harvest for Schools products** just with the click of a button. Check it out: www.oregonharvestforschools.com. You can also watch a [video tutorial](#) to see how it works.

For the past five years, FoodHub has been used by wholesale local food buyers and sellers to connect. Last year, the FoodHub team collaborated with the Oregon Departments of Education and Agriculture to combine the wonderful [Oregon Harvest for Schools](#) educational/promotional materials with the powerful search capabilities of FoodHub, to make it easier than ever for schools and preschools to find local farms and buy these products. Ecotrust and partners reached out to farmers and food suppliers around the state to ask them if they a.) grew/sold product(s) featured in the Oregon Harvest for Schools campaign, and b.) are interested in working with schools. So, the **ONLY** farmers and food suppliers that will show up in search results through the Oregon Harvest for Schools Portal are those that have completed their FoodHub profile page and said that they want to work with schools.



FoodHub membership is required in order to use this new tool. If you haven't already, consider joining FoodHub—**it's free!**—and using the portal to start looking for local food sellers in your area.





May/June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29 Deadline for Farm to School Survey	30 Deadline for March claim
31	6/1	6/2	6/3	6/4	6/5 Deadline for Mandatory Annual Training	6/6

These calendar events are subject to change. Please view the calendar each week for updates.



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