

Early Childhood Education and Care Department

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Milk Requirements



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Milk Requirements Training Agenda:

- I. Requirement of Milk for SFSP
- II. Validation Process
- III. Validation of Milk Resources
- IV. Meal Disallowance
- V. Milk Service Requirements



Fluid Milk is a Requirement

7 CFR, Part 225.16(d)

- Milk is a requirement for
 - Breakfast
 - Lunch
 - Supper
 - Must provide 1 cup of milk (1/2-pint, 8 fluid ounces)
 - Juice or water is not a substitute
 - Cheese is not a substitute
 - Yogurt is not a substitute
 - It is not a participant choice to be served a milk, use of Share Box is recommended for congregate meal sites.



Validation Process

During an Administrative Review, SFSP staff will:

- Review milk invoices and receipts
 - 100% of milk being purchased
- We will verify and sum all purchases and compare against meals claimed
- Review inventory of milk that is recycled back into the program using SFSP form 4.4

- Track milk purchases using SFSP form 4.13 (excel worksheet)
 - Can be downloaded at:
<https://summerfoodnm.org/sponsors>
- Sponsors **MUST** compare milk purchases against meals claimed to avoid disallowance of meals

Meal Disallowance

- Insufficient milk purchases result in meal disallowance
- Disallowance for these meals may be at the lunch rate of \$5.60 per meal
- ½-pint of milk averages \$0.35 for 1% white milk
- Sponsors that do not purchase enough milk can be a significant disallowance and reflect in expected reimbursement of program!

RECAP- Meal disallowances can be avoided by purchasing adequate milk and utilizing SFSP forms that are available to all Sponsors to aid in tracking purchases



Milk Service Requirements

Best Practices at the Point of Service

- Train site staff heavily on the requirement for milk
- Include milk as part of every breakfast, lunch and supper
- Don't struggle with children that do not want milk. Encourage the use of a share box instead
- Food Service staff in school settings must serve milk to children
- Sponsor Monitors must ensure Site Supervisors are compliant with the requirement to serve milk



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[https://summerfoodnm.org/sponsors/
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Early Childhood Education and Care
Department-*Programs for Parents
and Professionals*

<https://nmececd.org>