

Child Nutrition Program Waiver Request Maine Child Nutrition DOE

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FFVP parent pickup waiver*

1. State agency submitting waiver request and responsible State agency staff contact information:

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2. Region: NERO

3. Eligible service providers participating in waiver and affirmation that they are in good standing:

Maine School Food Authorities participating in the National School Lunch Program will participate in this said waiver. All are in good standing.

4. Description of the challenge the State agency is seeking to solve, the goal of the waiver to improve services under the Program, and the expected outcomes if the waiver is granted. [Section 12(l)(2)(A)(iii) and 12(l)(2)(A)(iv) of the NSLA]:

This request is to allow Districts to provide FFVP to parent/guardians when they pick up their meals. This is needed for districts that are doing a combination of in person and remote learning, in order for families to pick up FFVP when remote learning occurs. Children receiving meals from FFVP sponsors will have continued, increased access to nutritious fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

5. Specific Program requirements to be waived (include statutory and regulatory citations). [Section 12(l)(2)(A)(i) of the NSLA]: Section 19(b) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) (42 USC 1769a); FFVP Handbook guidelines (page 12) states that fruits and vegetables may only be served during the school day (i.e., not before school or during afterschool programs).

6. Detailed description of alternative procedures and anticipated impact on Program operations, including technology, State systems, and monitoring. We anticipate no impacts on technology, state systems, or monitoring. Schools will be instructed to provide the FFVP in addition to the breakfast and lunch meal (not as part of the fruit and vegetable component of the meal).

7. Description of any steps the State has taken to address regulatory barriers at the State level. [Section 12(l)(2)(A)(ii) of the NSLA]: Educate DOE and local administrators of current methods under Federal and State regulations and what the waiver would allow. There are currently no state level regulatory barriers that would impact this issue.

8. Anticipated challenges State or eligible service providers may face with the waiver implementation: None at this time.

9. Description of how the waiver will not increase the overall cost of the Program to the Federal Government. If there are anticipated increases, confirm that the costs will be paid from non-Federal funds. [Section 12(l)(1)(A)(iii) of the NSLA]: No cost increase because snacks would normally be provided.

10. Anticipated waiver implementation date and time period: Implementation of the waiver would be effective August 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

11. Proposed monitoring and review procedures: DOE staff will monitor implementation of this waiver. We are in constant contact with our sponsors through e-mail, webinars and telephone calls.

12. Proposed reporting requirements (include type of data and due date(s) to FNS): this will follow the same reporting requirements prior to COVID-19.

13. Link to or a copy of the public notice informing the public about the proposed waiver [Section 12(l)(1)(A)(ii) of the NSLA]: This will be shared on the Child Nutrition web page.
<https://www.maine.gov/doc/schools/nutrition/laws>

14. Signature and title of requesting official:

Director Child Nutrition Title: Requesting official's email address for transmission of response:
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TO BE COMPLETED BY FNS REGIONAL OFFICE:

FNS Regional Offices are requested to ensure the questions have been adequately addressed by the State agency and formulate an opinion and justification for a response to the waiver request based on their knowledge, experience and work with the State.

Date request was received at Regional Office:

Check this box to confirm that the State agency has provided public notice in accordance with Section 12(l)(1)(A)(ii) of the NSLA

Regional Office Analysis and Recommendations: