2014 National School Lunch Week
Local Products Challenge

CREAM OF THE CROP AWARD

Recognizing challenge participants that incorporated a weekly average of three or more Texas products a day into lunches served during NSLW
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Aldine ISD  Dimmitt ISD  Navarro ISD
Big Spring ISD  Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD  Northwest ISD
Brady ISD  Frisco ISD  Pasadena ISD
Bridgeport ISD  Harlingen CISD  Pflugerville ISD
Bryan ISD  Houston ISD  Sanger ISD
Chapel Hill Academy  Irving ISD  Sharyland ISD
    Charter School  KIPP Austin Public Schools  Smithville ISD
Coppell ISD  La Vernia ISD  White Settlement ISD
Dallas ISD  Laredo ISD  Zavalla ISD
Decatur ISD  Leander ISD
DeSoto ISD  Lindsay ISD
Dickinson ISD  McKinney ISD
Growing Healthy Texans

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HHFKA Drives School Nutrition

CHANGING NUTRITION IN TEXAS

Administrative Reviews

• TDA is continuously fine-tuning the review process

• Focus on technical assistance and collaborative compliance to strengthen nutrition programs remains

New Procurement Rules

• Procurement rules will provide new guidance for the bidding process and geographical preferences for sourcing foods
New Leadership at TDA

ENDEAVORING TO EMPOWER LOCAL SCHOOLS

• Schools should choose their own course for creating nutritionally sound campus environments

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Reauthorization

FIVE YEAR CYCLE ENDS IN 2015

Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act

Every five years Congress must review the laws that ensure American children have access to healthy meals at school and in childcare.
Fiscal Year 2015 Budget
OMNIBUS ADDS FUNDS FOR SCHOOL NUTRITION

• Budget includes additional 10 percent for child nutrition programs

• Important provisions
  – Grants exemptions for whole grain requirements and maintaining higher sodium targets
  – Allows states to vary frequency of monitoring and compliance reviews
Schools Taste Success

INNOVATION LEADS THE WAY

Fresh Ideas
From taste testing to burritos from food trailers School Food Authorities work to increase participation

Making the Grade
Nearly all Texas schools are meeting the nutrient standards for fat and trans fat and most are meeting the standards for calories
Community Eligibility Provision

SCHOOLS CAN BENEFIT

• Texas schools have reported reduced paperwork and reduced costs

• Best practices
  – Work with categorical program contacts
  – Analyze costs of operating CEP
  – Network with CEP schools
  – Conduct facilities analysis
Direct Certification
DIRECT CERTIFICATION AND COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROGRAM

Using DC for CEP
Students on the direct certification list and on similar lists made available to school nutrition are categorically eligible

Grants
More than 500 Texas SFAs were awarded grants to assist with training, equipment, travel, overtime related to Direct Certification
Streamlined Approach to Awards
HUSSC:SL, HEALTHY SCHOOLS PROGRAM WORK TOGETHER

• The Alliance for a Healthier Generation’s Healthy Schools Program and HUSSC: SL taking complementary approach

• Smarter Lunchrooms criteria must be met

• Each award level must meet Smart Snacks Nutrition Standards
USDA Implementation Grant
Dallas ISD used the grant to expand the district’s Harvest of the Month program. Next funding cycle expected in April.

New TDA-Developed Brochures
• Statewide Initiative information card
• Five Facts about Local Food in School Cafeterias
• Purchasing Local Products from Distributors
• Purchasing Local Products through Food Distribution Programs for Schools
• Garden Based Learning brochure
CACFP Rule

PROPOSED RULE ISSUED FOR CACFP MEALS

• 90-day comment period closes April 15, 2015
• More fruits and vegetables
• More whole grains
• Less sugar and fat
• Increased support of breast milk for infants
State Regulations

PROPOSED CHANGES

Amendment to Texas Administrative Code

Under Smart Snacks, states can establish exempt days for fundraising. TDA is proposing an amendment to the Texas Administrative Code that would allow for an infrequent number of fundraisers that do not meet federal nutrition standards.

TDA is also pursuing the repeal of current restrictions related to deep fat frying and certain carbonated beverages.
USDA Foods

ANNUAL UPDATE CHANGE

- Program updates via recorded presentation
- Live post-presentation Q&A via teleconferencing

TX-UNPS FDP MODULE

- Schools can begin entering their USDA Food requests in TX-UNPS for SY 2015-2016
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