

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION



MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 2, 2015

TO: All School Foodservice Authorities in the District of Columbia participating in the Healthy Schools Act

FROM: Nancy Brenowitz Katz, Manager, Healthy Schools Act Initiatives and Lindsey Palmer, Manager, School Programs

CC: Dr. Unique Morris-Hughes, Jessie Harteis, Tiffany Oates

SUBJECT: Guidance on Healthy Schools Act Menu Requirements, 2015-16 School Year

Due to recent changes in the requirements for the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Healthier US School Challenge Award Criteria, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is providing guidance regarding the menu requirements for Healthy Schools Act reimbursement.

For the 2015-16 school year, Healthy Schools Act Menu Requirements will remain the same as in the 2014-15 school year, pursuant to section 202 of the Healthy Schools Act (the Act). According to section 202 of the Act, "Meals served to students in each public school, public charter school, and participating private schools shall meet ***or exceed*** the serving requirements of the United States Department of Agriculture's Healthier US School Challenge program." This school year, OSSE is exceeding the USDA's US School Challenge program serving requirements to ensure the District's students are healthy and safe.

For further details on the Healthy Schools Act Menu Requirements, please see the attached memo "Healthy Schools Act Menu Requirements, School Year 2015 - 2016." If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Nancy Brenowitz Katz, Manager, Healthy Schools Act Initiatives, at nancy.katz@dc.gov or 202-724-7893.