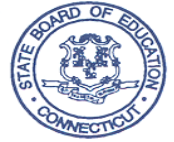




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**TO:** Sponsors of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs

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**SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum #44-12**  
Revised Questions and Answers on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA)  
New Meal Patterns for Schools

Attached is the USDA's revised "Questions & Answers" (dated September 18, 2012) on the final rule to update school meals offered under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program, as required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. This handout updates the USDA guidance previously released on April 27, 2012. It addresses the final rule overall and includes questions on general and specific aspects of the new meal requirements.

This revision includes a table of contents and revised or new questions and answers. In addition, the "Miscellaneous" and "Compliance" sections were deleted and their content was moved to other sections. Revisions are no longer identified in italics but a summary of the changes to each section is provided below:

General:

- Added question number 6 (previously listed under "Miscellaneous")

Fruits and Vegetables:

- Added questions number 39 to 43

Meat/Meat Alternate:

- Added question number 8

Grains:

- Revised question number 2 and added questions number 21 to 24

Milk:

- Revised questions number 1 and 3, and added question number 4

Calories:

- Added question number 4

Menu Planning:

- Revised question number 9 and added questions number 10 to 15

Age/Grade Groups:

- Added question number 3

Nutrient Analysis:

- Added questions 3, 4 and 5 (previously listed under “Compliance”)
- Added question number 6

Crediting:

- Added questions number 8 to 13

Other Child Nutrition Programs: (previously titled “Summer Meals”)

- Revised and added question number 6 (previously listed under “Miscellaneous”)

The USDA will continue to revise this document periodically to address additional questions and answers as they arise during the implementation of the new meal requirements. These materials and other resources may be found on the USDA’s Web site at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/Legislation/nutritionstandards.htm>.

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Important: This is a numbered Operational Memorandum that contains important program information. Please read carefully and retain in a binder for your future reference. Operational Memoranda are also posted on the Child Nutrition Web site at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2626&q=320676>.