

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



SUMMER MEAL

3E'S OF HEALTHY LIVING
EDUCATION, EXERCISE AND EATING RIGHT

Programs

February 2022 Monthly Newsletter

Events, Trainings and Resources

Action Required: Important Summer Change (New Texting Number 304-304)

All summer materials (printed and digital) that contain the previous texting tool phone number **must** be recycled. The number has changed. TDA will be sending schools new posters (3 per campus) and parent information cards (1 per enrolled student) this month (February) and in March. This is to assist schools in meeting the federal requirement to ensure all enrolled students know about the availability of summer meals. **Schools must ensure materials are distributed.** Sponsors and sites will be given the opportunity to order new summer materials very soon.

**HEALTHY
SUMMER
MEALS
FOR KIDS**

MegaCon Save the Date!

Join TDA for this multi-program mega conference in Austin, May 2-6. You'll get updates on regulations and guidance, interact with peers and TDA staff, attend interactive training sessions, and find new ways to achieve program success!!

New feature for the Food Buying Guide Interactive Mobile App

Team Nutrition is excited to announce that users can now view the meal pattern requirements per meal component for a selected Program and age/grade group while using the FBG Calculator on both the Web Tool and Mobile App. This feature allows for easy access to helpful meal pattern guidance to assist in creating shopping lists.

Important - Join Us for SFSP Live!

Be ready for summer operations! View the [SFSP Statewide virtual training](#) description and registration information. SFSP training is a requirement for new SFSP operators.

Four Steps to Food Safety: Clean, Separate, Cook and Chill

There are four steps to food safety: clean, separate, cook and chill.

Summer Meals Events Webinar

Mark your calendars for the Summer Meals Events Planning Webinar on March 11, 2022. More information and a link to the webinar will be in the March Newsletter. Attendees will have the chance to ask questions and hear from other school staff members that have been successful in planning summer kickoff and spike events. We are still accepting submissions for panelists who want to share their experience and expertise with hosting Summer kick off and spike events. **Sign up to be a panelist today at www.SummerFood.org/OutreachTools.**

ACDA Conference

The annual American Commodity Distribution Association (ACDA) conference offers federal-nutrition-program operators valuable insight into how to maximize their USDA Foods entitlement. This year's conference will be held April 24-27 in Orlando.

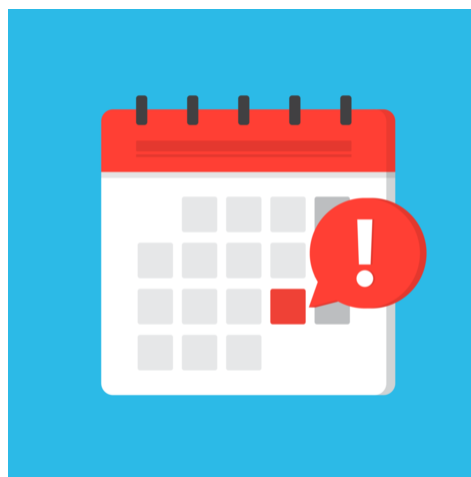
Deadlines

Review This Month's Program Calendar Due Dates!

For upcoming deadlines, see the Program Year Calendar.

Reminder of the User Access Manager Transition

TDA is transitioning to the User Access Manager for all entities and will no longer be accepting the FND-101 form soon.



Policy Updates and Compliance Reminders

Maximum Approvable Average Daily Participation (ADP)

Returning Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

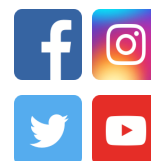


Contracting Entities (CEs) for SFSP program year 2022 may enter in the site applications no more than the amount listed on the Maximum Approvable ADP list. The Maximum ADP list found on www.SquareMeals.org under Summer News provides the maximum approvable ADP for the site by meal type for SFSP 2022.

Make sure you read every monthly newsletter for important information, opportunities and events!



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