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July 2026 Monthly Newsletter

School Year 2026-2027 Administrative Review (AR) and Procurement Review (PR) Schedule

The 2026-2027 Administrative Review (AR) and Procurement Review (PR) schedule can be found on [SquareMeals](#).

Attachment B Uploads

Attachment B Uploads opens in TX-UNPS on July 1, 2026, and closes on October 31, 2026.

Click the headline title to view the [full article](#).

Contact and Site Information in TX-UNPS

School food authorities (SFAs) are responsible for ensuring that the information in the Application module in TX-UNPS is accurate and current.

SFAs should review and update and contact information, program participation details, and other data as changes occur.

It is crucial that the information is correct for the Administrative Review (AR) and Procurement Review (PR).

SFAs Contracting with Food Service Management Companies (FSMCs)

School food authorities (SFAs) contracting with food service management companies (FSMCs) will have their Administrative Review (AR) and Procurement Review (PR) beginning on July 1, 2026. The SFA can expect to receive the Initial Off-site email on that date, and it will include a comprehensive guide to all scheduled conference calls and due dates for documents to be uploaded into TX-UNPS.

New! Child Nutrition Programs Food Industry Toolkit

The new USDA child nutrition programs [Food Industry Toolkit](#) provides a consolidated page of Team Nutrition resources dedicated to our food industry partners. These resources support food products available to organizations operating school meal programs, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, and the Summer Food Service Program. Resources are grouped by topic, including child nutrition (CN) labels, Product Formulation Statements, crediting, and more. Ideal for orienting new food industry staff and refreshing existing partners, this toolkit aims to provide all relevant resources in one place and reduce the time needed to access information that supports USDA's child nutrition programs.

USDA Foods Ordering Updates

July's important USDA Foods updates for schools include information and resources to help prepare for PY27, along with ESC support.

Click the headline to view the [full article](#).

SquareMeals Resource Update

The "**Industry Resources**" and "**Public Resources**" buttons have been moved on the [SquareMeals](#) homepage. When putting your cursor on the **Resources** tab located on the website header, a drop down menu will appear and both buttons will be accessible.

A new "Program Year Calendar" button has also been added to the website's header page so that it is easier to navigate and view when visiting SquareMeals.



- F&N Public Resources
- Industry Resources
- Program Year Calendar

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Headlines

New Milk Flexibilities Now Available for School Lunches

On January 14, 2026, the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2025 was signed into law, providing new milk options and service flexibilities in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), including options for schools to serve whole milk, 2% milk, and nutritionally equivalent non-dairy beverages, and exemptions for calculating saturated fats in fluid milk.

Nutrition Assistance Programs

- Child and Adult Care Food Program
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program
- Farmers Market Nutrition Program
- Food Assistance for Disaster Relief



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