

MONTANA OPI SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS

School Year 2026-2027 Training Schedule and Continuing Education Opportunities



>> [TEAMS link to join the Webinars](#) <<

Activity	Location	Time	Date	Professional Standards Codes
Annual Training Log to Track all Food Service Staff training topics and hours (and for all other school staff such as determining officials, verifying officials, claim contacts, and business clerks) Civil Rights Training & Training Log – Required annually for all front facing food service staff, meal servers, cashiers (meal counters), determining officials, verifying officials, etc.				
Training & Resources Available Now:				
Civil Rights in Child Nutrition Programs *Required annually for anyone involved in school meals (including food service staff, determining official, meal counter, staff collecting money for meals, etc.)	Click here to watch & access resources - recorded training & training log	N/A	Pre-recorded – Complete annually & prior to school year operations	3000
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program *Required annually for all sponsors operating FFVP (FSD & Business Clerk/Claim Contact)	Click here to watch & access resources	N/A	Pre-recorded – Complete early in the school year	1100/2100/3200
Resource Management (NPRT, Adult Meals, Allowable vs Unallowable Costs) *Required for SNP Claim Contacts/Business Clerks	Click here to watch & access resources	N/A	Pre-recorded – Complete early in the school year	3300/2300
Meal Counting & Claiming (Reimbursable Meals vs. Non-Program Meals) *Required for every meal counter/cashier/claim contact	Click here to watch & access resources	N/A	Pre-recorded – Complete early in the school year	2300/3300
Procurement Training & Buy American Resources *Required for FSD & Business Clerks	Click here to watch & access resources	N/A	Pre-recorded – Complete early in the school year	2400/3500
Verification Training & Resources *Required for Determining/Verifying Officials	Click here to watch & access resources	N/A	Pre-recorded – Complete early in the school year	3100
Accommodating Children with Disabilities (Allergies) in School Meal Programs *Required for food service staff	Click here to watch & access resources	N/A	Pre-recorded – Complete early in the school year	1100/1160/2600
Many Other Training Topics & Resources Available	Click here to access	N/A	Available at any time	1000/2000/3000/4000

August				
How to Process Online Free/Reduced Applications (FRAPP)	TEAMS	2-3 PM	Wednesday, August 26	3000/3100
September				
Direct Certification Application (DCA)	TEAMS	2-3 PM	Wednesday, September 2	3000/3100
Ask an OPI SNP Specialist: Drop-In Q&A Session *This session will not be recorded.	TEAMS	2-3 PM	Wednesday, September 9	
Montana Crunch Time Promotion	TEAMS	2-3 PM	Wednesday, September 16	1100/1130/2000/4000
Verification Process *Required for Determining Officials	TEAMS	2-3 PM	Wednesday, September 23	3000/3100
October				
Ask an OPI SNP Specialist: Drop-In Q&A Session *This session will not be recorded.	TEAMS	2-3 PM	Wednesday, October 7	
SNP FALL WORKSHOP Required for School Claim Contacts/Business Clerks, & Determining Officials (Food Service Directors welcome to join as well)	TEAMS *Will be a mix of live and pre-recorded information*	9-12 PM	Thursday, October 15	1100/1200/1300/2100 /2400
SNP FALL WORKSHOP Required for Food Service Directors & Food Service Staff (Claim Contacts/Business Clerks & Determining Officials welcome to join as well)	TEAMS *Will be a mix of live and pre-recorded information*	1-4 PM	Thursday, October 15	1100/1200/1300/2100 /2400
USDA Foods & Monthly Allocation Instructions	TEAMS	2-3 PM	Wednesday, October 21	
November				
Get to Know Your Food- How to Read a Food Label, Smart Purchasing for Less Sugar, Less Sodium	TEAMS	2-3 PM	Wednesday, November 4	1100/2410/2430
How to Best Utilize USDA Foods	TEAMS	2-3 PM	Wednesday, November 18	1100/1110/1120
December				
School Wellness Policy, Triennial Assessment of the SWP Requirements, & Smart Snacks *Suggest inviting your SWP committee or someone that oversees the district policy	TEAMS	2-3 PM	Wednesday, December 2	1200/1300/3000
Ask an OPI SNP Specialist: Drop-In Q&A Session *This session will not be recorded.	TEAMS	2-3 PM	Wednesday, December 9	

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January				
Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)	TEAMS	2-3 PM	Wednesday, January 6	3100
USDA Foods/DoD Fresh Survey/Order for SY2027-2028	TEAMS	2-3 PM	Wednesday, January 13	1100/2400/2430
Be Ready to Meet the New Meal Pattern	TEAMS	2-3 PM	Wednesday, January 20	1000/1110/1150
Ask an OPI SNP Specialist: Drop-In Q&A Session *This session will not be recorded.	TEAMS	2-3 PM	Wednesday, January 27	
February				
Standardized Recipes & Recipe Resources that are Standardized & Credited	TEAMS	2-3 PM	Wednesday, February 3	1000/1200/1300/3000
Ask an OPI SNP Specialist: Drop-In Q&A Session *This session will not be recorded.	TEAMS	2-3 PM	Wednesday, February 10	
March				
Buy American Provision (Tracking non-domestic food costs & documenting Exception form to show compliance)	TEAMS	2-3 PM	Wednesday, March 3	2430
Summer Food Service Program Required webinar for SFSP <u>Sponsors</u> to learn about SFSP Application, Training Requirements, and other Program Requirements.	TEAMS	2-3 PM	Wednesday, March 10	1000/2000/3000/4000
Ask an OPI SNP Specialist: Drop-In Q&A Session *This session will not be recorded.	TEAMS	2-3 PM	Wednesday, March 24	
April				
FFVP: SY27-28 Application process and other Information	TEAMS	2-3 PM	Wednesday, April 7	
Summer Food Service Program information, to-do items, application information, training requirements, time for sponsor questions.	TEAMS	2-3 PM	Wednesday, April 14	1000/2000/3000/4000
SY27-28 Administrative Review Prep/Technical Assistance for Food Service Staff	TEAMS	2-4 PM	Wednesday, April 21	
SY27-28 Administrative Review Prep/Technical Assistance for school clerks and determining officials	TEAMS	2-4 PM	Wednesday, April 28	
May				
Summer Food Service Program: Final stretch to application deadlines. Opportunities for questions, discussion on monitoring, non-congregate, reviews, etc.	TEAMS	2-4 PM	Wednesday, May 5	1000/2000/3000/4000

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May Trainings focus on Summer Food Service Program Operations	Please visit the SFSP Training Library for recorded training on different topics of the SFSP including meal counting/claiming, Rural Non Congregate Operation, Monitoring Requirements, Integrity Plans, Summer Review preparation, and more!				
June					
MT School Nutrition Association (MTSNA) Summer Conference – Register on the MTSNA website	TBD	TBD			1000/2000/3000/4000

Training Resources

- [SNP Webinar Wednesday Resources Google Drive](#)
- [SNP Professional Standards Training Resources](#)
- [Professional Standards Training Code Topics List](#)