THE MONTHLY REWIND

APRIL 2026



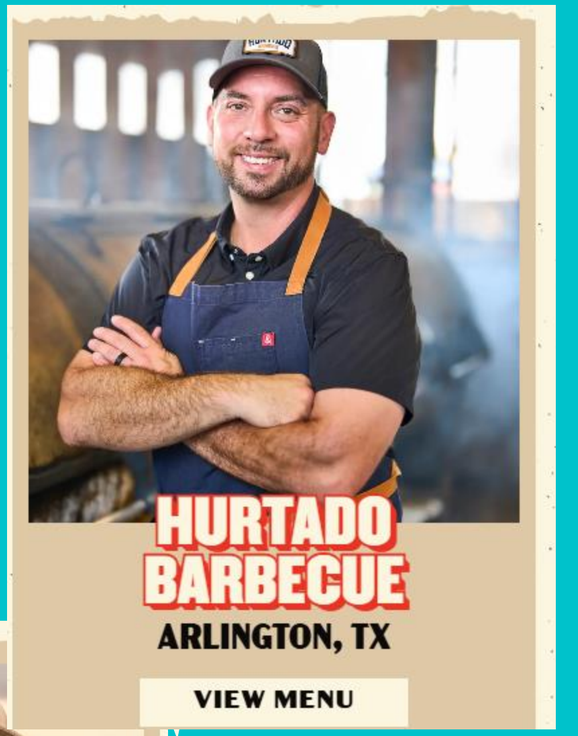
EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER REGION 11
CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM

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NEED MENU INSPIRATION?



Look to the
LONE STAR SMOKEOUT





https://lonestarsmokeout.com/bbq

MEET OUR NSLP TEAM



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TDA UPDATES & NEWS

TANS DELAYED

- Applications will continue in TX-UNPS for SY26-27
- NSLP application deadline: June 30



WHAT TO SAVE FROM TX-UNPS

- Claims
- Budget information
- CERs
- Corrective actions
- Applications/Attachment B
- Prior AR/PR documents and review questions
- Any approvals stored in TX-UNPS





VIRTUAL SITES

- USDA has confirmed that virtual sites are not eligible to operate NSLP/SBP
- The only exception is an unanticipated school closure that results in temporary virtual learning (max 10 days) — TDA approval required

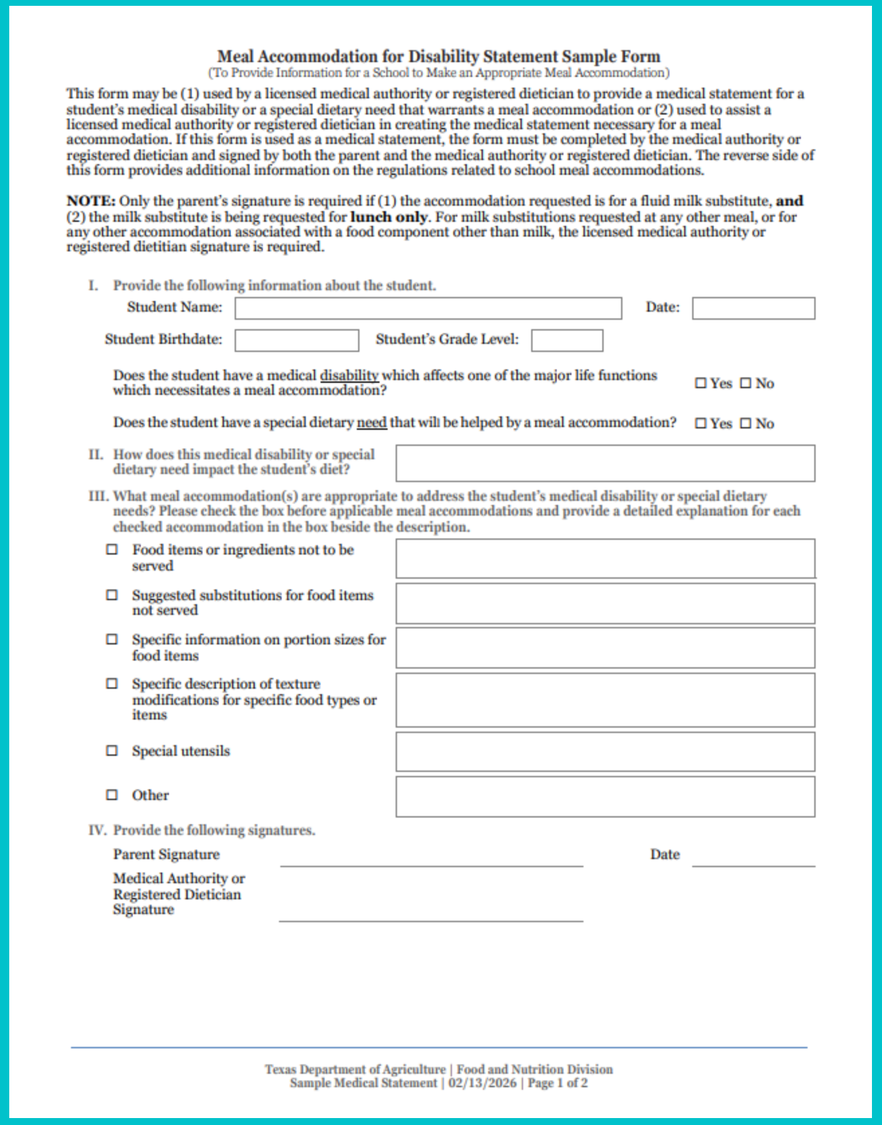
ESC REGION 11 AR/PR SCHEDULE FOR SY26-27

ALVARADO ISD	KELLER ISD
ALVORD ISD	KENNEDALE ISD
AZLE ISD	LAKE DALLAS ISD
BOYD ISD	PARADISE ISD
BROCK ISD	PEASTER ISD
CALLISBURG ISD	PILOT POINT ISD
CHICO ISD	POOLVILLE ISD
CLEBURNE ISD	SLIDELL ISD
DUBLIN ISD	THREE WAY ISD
HURST-EULESS-BEDFORD ISD	VALLEY VIEW ISD



SY26-27 PLE EXEMPTION

- In effect for SFA's with a positive or $0 balance as of **June 30, 2025**
- SFA's with a negative balance are required to do the PLE tool and adjust meal prices



Meal Accommodation for Disability Statement Sample Form
(To Provide Information for a School to Make an Appropriate Meal Accommodation)

This form may be (1) used by a licensed medical authority or registered dietician to provide a medical statement for a student's medical disability or a special dietary need that warrants a meal accommodation or (2) used to assist a licensed medical authority or registered dietician in creating the medical statement necessary for a meal accommodation. If this form is used as a medical statement, the form must be completed by the medical authority or registered dietician and signed by both the parent and the medical authority or registered dietician. The reverse side of this form provides additional information on the regulations related to school meal accommodations.

NOTE: Only the parent's signature is required if (1) the accommodation requested is for a fluid milk substitute, **and** (2) the milk substitute is being requested for **lunch only**. For milk substitutions requested at any other meal, or for any other accommodation associated with a food component other than milk, the licensed medical authority or registered dietitian signature is required.

I. Provide the following information about the student.

Student Name: Date:

Student Birthdate: Student's Grade Level:

Does the student have a medical disability which affects one of the major life functions which necessitates a meal accommodation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does the student have a special dietary need that will be helped by a meal accommodation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

II. How does this medical disability or special dietary need impact the student's diet?

III. What meal accommodation(s) are appropriate to address the student's medical disability or special dietary needs? Please check the box before applicable meal accommodations and provide a detailed explanation for each checked accommodation in the box beside the description.

- ☐ Food items or ingredients not to be served
- ☐ Suggested substitutions for food items not served
- ☐ Specific information on portion sizes for food items
- ☐ Specific description of texture modifications for specific food types or items
- ☐ Special utensils
- ☐ Other

IV. Provide the following signatures.

Parent Signature Date

Medical Authority or Registered Dietician Signature

Texas Department of Agriculture | Food and Nutrition Division
Sample Medical Statement | 02/13/2026 | Page 1 of 2

REVISED TOOLS ON SQUARE MEALS

- Micro-purchase log – updated to $15,000
- Buy American Checklist
  - Includes guidance on document retention
- Meal Accommodation and Milk Substitution Forms
  - Aligns with Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2025

Programs > National School Lunch Program > Administration & Forms
Search by key word



USDA FOODS UPDATES

- May receive automated WBSCM messages updating requisition status as shipments are ordered
- Wait until ordering is over before asking TDA questions – run your new requisition status report in July
- DoD will be loaded in late June
- Possible Round 2 for direct delivery items coming



02.
SPOTLIGHT

04

Compliance & Agreement







03.

DEADLINES & REMINDERS

DON'T FORGET!

MAY

1 SFSP Renewal Applications due
1 School Lunch Hero Day
5 TX-ELMS Upload/Download
30 March claim deadline
31 SSO site applications due (TX-UNPS)

JUNE

5 TX-ELMS Upload/Download
20 New signed/executed FSMC contracts/renewals due to TDA
27 TX-ELMS closed for maintenance
29 April claim deadline
30 SNP applications due in TX-UNPS





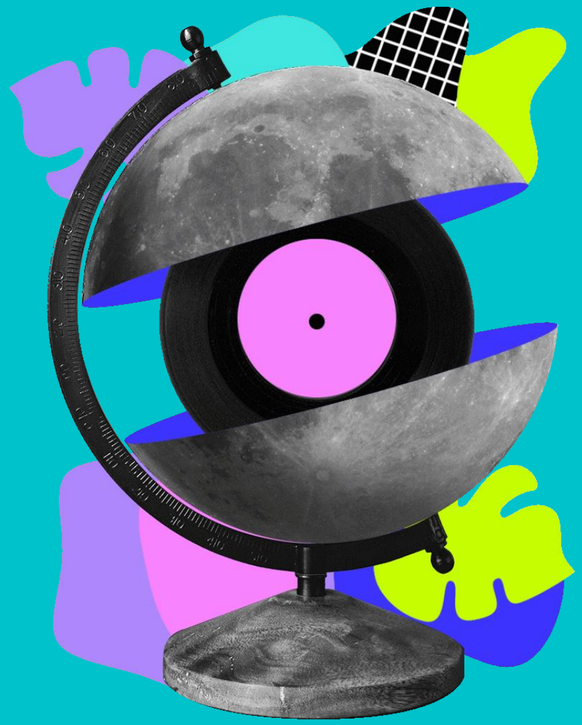
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ESC REGION 11 UPDATES



LOCAL WELLNESS POLICY TRAINING

- May 4
- 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Lubbock, TX
- Free workshop for SHAC
  - Hands-on
  - Bring copy of LWP
  - Bring up to 4 people



LOCAL WELLNESS POLICY (VIRTUAL)

Register for classes here.

DATE

MAY 1

TIME

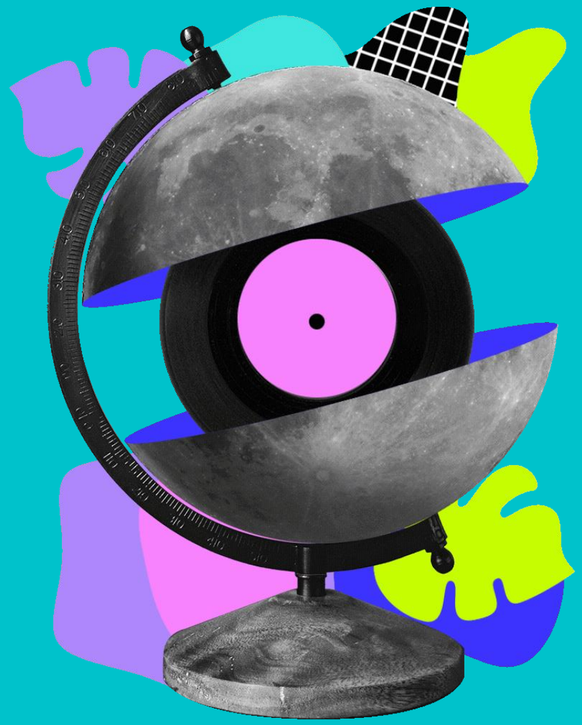
8:30–11:30 AM

DESCRIPTION

Learn the requirements of the LWP and get resources.

AUDIENCE

CN Directors, CN Administrative Team, SHAC members



NSLP/SBP SMART SNACKS (VIRTUAL)

Register for classes here.

DATE

MAY 1

TIME

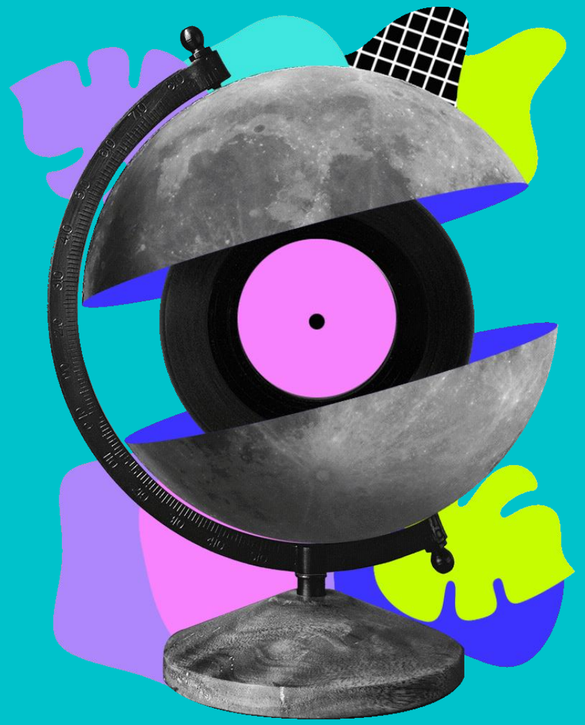
12:30–3:30 PM

DESCRIPTION

An overview of Smart Snack standards in schools

AUDIENCE

CN Directors, CN Administrative Team, Menu Planners



INTRODUCTION TO SCHOOL NUTRITION LEADERSHIP: SESSION 7

Register for classes here.

DATE

MAY 11

TIME

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

DESCRIPTION

Join us for a 7-part series for the aspiring or new CN director. This class will cover KPIs, workplace safety and emergency preparedness.

AUDIENCE

District CN Directors, Aspiring CN Directors

DESTINATION: SCHOOL MEALS

ESC REGION 11 CHILD NUTRITION SUMMER CONFERENCE 2026

June 2-4, 2026

*In-Person Event • $25 Per Day**

- Open to all child nutrition personnel
- Earn up to 18 hours for professional development
- Stay up to date with the latest regulations
- Network with peers across the region

Register at https://bit.ly/2026ChildNutrition or scan the QR code

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For more information, contact Jocelyn Karbo at jkarbo@esc11.net or 817-740-3678.

*Fee covers catered lunch.

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AGENDA

DAY ONE

Registration and Check-In **7:30 – 8:00 a.m.**



Sessions **8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

- Annual Procurement Training
- School Nutrition Frontline Specialist Course 1.0 (English)
- School Nutrition Frontline Specialist Course 1.0 (Spanish)
- Food Allergies for School Nutrition AND Ready, Set, Review! The AR in the Kitchen AND Cashiers Training Reimbursable School Meals

DAY TWO

Registration and Check-In **7:30 – 8:00 a.m.**

Sessions **8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

- The Administrative Review (AR) and Procurement Review (PR) Process for NSLP
- School Nutrition Frontline Specialist Course 2.0
- Food Production Records
- Smart Snacks AND Ready, Set, Review! The AR in the Kitchen AND Cashier's Training Reimbursable School Meals
- CACFP & SFSP Financials & Allowable Expenses AND Procurement – Bids, Plans, RFPs, and Quotes

DAY THREE

Registration and Check-In **7:30 – 8:00 a.m.**

Sessions **8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

- Essential Key Performance Indicators for School Nutrition (A.M.)
- Basic Culinary Math for School Nutrition Professionals
- Meal Patterns (SNP)
- Meal Counting & Claiming System
- The Administrative Review: AR Process for CACFP (A.M.)

Lunch break is from 11:00 a.m. – noon daily.

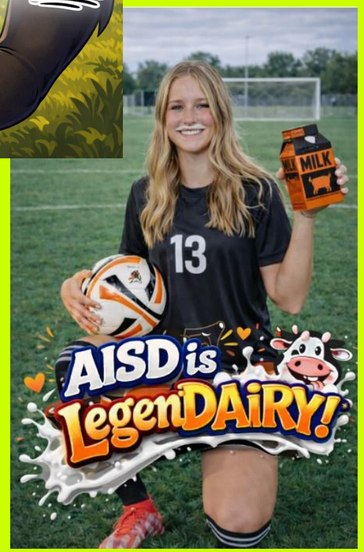












ALEDO ISD

- "Milk Mustache" posters
- Milk drinking contest at elementary schools
- "Off-menu" dairy based food samples
- Athletes served Breakfast with the Bearcats
- TCU Dietetic Intern presented on sports nutrition to the high school athletes and the nutrition group.

QUESTIONS?



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

A copy of these slides will be available at
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