



### **7.29.16 SY2016 Eligibility Manual for School Meals.**

The USDA has [announced](#) that the [SY2016 Eligibility Manual](#) is now available. The manual provides information on Federal requirements and is intended to help State agencies and local education agencies accurately determine, certify, and verify children's eligibility for free and reduced price school meals and free milk. State agencies are asked to distribute this information to program operators immediately.

### **07.20.2016 Potable Water Requirements and Resources**

Child Nutrition Program operators are reminded of potable water requirements in schools and child care facilities participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Also provided are links to resources Program operators can access to learn more about safe drinking water and testing for lead and other contaminants, and to obtain additional technical assistance. State agencies are asked to distribute this [memorandum](#) to Program operators immediately.

### **07.13.2016 Supporting FoodCorps Service Members**

This [memorandum](#) clarifies how state agencies and school food authorities can use federal funds to support FoodCorps service members.

### **07.08.2016 Unpaid Meal Charges: Collection of Delinquent Meal Payments**

This [memorandum](#) clarifies how unpaid meal charges must be handled when all collection efforts have been exhausted. Food and Nutrition Services is currently developing resources State agencies and SFA's can use in their effort to create meal charge and delinquent account policies.

### **07.08.2016 Unpaid Meal Charges: Local Meal Charge Policies**

This [memorandum](#) addresses the need for school food authorities participating in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program to institute and clearly communicate a meal charge policy, which would include, if applicable, the availability of alternate meals.

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