



United States Department of Agriculture

CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM STATE WAIVER REQUEST TEMPLATE

Child Nutrition Programs are expected to be administered according to all statutory and regulatory requirements; waivers to the requirements are exceptions. However, Section 12(l) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1760(l), provides authority for USDA to waive requirements for State agencies or eligible service providers under certain circumstances. When requesting the waiver of statutory or regulatory requirements for the Child Nutrition Programs (CNP), including the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP), the Special Milk Program (SMP), and the School Breakfast Program (SBP), State agencies and eligible service providers should use this template. State agencies and eligible service providers should consult with their FNS Regional Offices when developing waiver requests to ensure a well-reasoned, thorough request is submitted. State agencies and eligible service providers are encouraged to submit complete waiver requests at least 60 calendar days prior to the anticipated implementation date. Requests submitted less than 60 calendar days prior to the anticipated implementation should be accompanied by an explanation of extenuating circumstances.

For more information on requests for waiving Program requirements, refer to SP 15-2018, CACFP 12-2018, SFSP 05-2018, *Child Nutrition Program Waiver Request Guidance and Protocol- Revised*, May 24, 2018.

1. School Food Authority or State agency submitting waiver request and responsible State agency staff contact information: School Food Authority:

Columbus City Schools (043802)

State Agency: Ohio Department of Education, Brigette Hires, Director, Brigette Hires@education.ohio.gov, 614-466-0522.

2. Region: Midwest

3. Eligible service providers participating in waiver and affirmation that they are in good standing: State agency

Columbus City Schools is in good standing with the Ohio Department of Education (ODE)

4. Description of the challenge the State agency is seeking to solve, the goal of the waiver to improve services under the Program, and the expected outcomes if the waiver is granted. [Section 12(l)(2)(A)(iii) and 12(l)(2)(A)(iv) of the NSLA]:

Fort Hayes High School and Career Center has students in attendance that must travel back to their home high school to complete their day. The buses start to leave the career center at 10:20 AM,

therefore lunch begins at 9:45 AM to allow those students time to eat lunch.

**Specific Program requirements to be waived (include statutory and regulatory citations).
[Section 12(l)(2)(A)(i) of the NSLA]:**

Requesting to serve lunch outside of the established 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM timeframe above the regulation

7 CFR 210.10 (f) (1)

5. Detailed description of alternative procedures and anticipated impact on Program operations, including technology, State systems, and monitoring:

Requesting to serve lunch outside of the established 10:00am-2:00pm timeframe. 7 CFR 210.10 (f) (1). Want to be able to serve meals to students prior to returning to their home schools. No impact on program operations.

6. Description of any steps the State has taken to address regulatory barriers at the State level. [Section 12(l)(2)(A)(ii) of the NSLA]:

State agency doesn't anticipate any regulatory barriers. Extra time is needed to be able to provide students meals prior to busing back to home school.

7. Anticipated challenges State or eligible service providers may face with the waiver implementation:

No anticipated challenges with waiver implementation

8. Description of how the waiver will not increase the overall cost of the Program to the Federal Government. If there are anticipated increases, confirm that the costs will be paid from non-Federal funds. [Section 12(l)(1)(A)(iii) of the NSLA]:

Meals are already being provided to students. Thus, waiver will not increase overall cost to the program.

9. Anticipated waiver implementation date and time period:

2023-2024 school year and beyond

10. Proposed monitoring and review procedures:

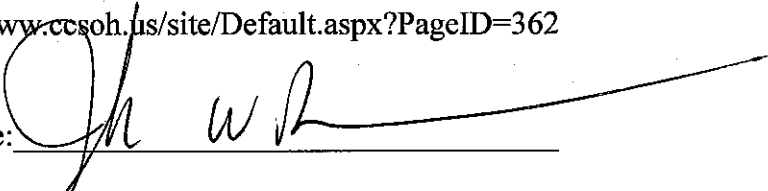
No change to current monitoring and review procedures

11. Proposed reporting requirements (include type of data and due date(s) to FNS):

Maintain current regulatory reporting requirements.

12. Link to or a copy of the public notice informing the public about the proposed waiver [Section 12(l)(1)(A)(ii) of the NSLA]:

<https://www.ccsnh.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=362>

Signature: 

13. Title: Director of Food Service

Requesting official's email address for transmission of response: jbrown@columbus,k12.oh.us

TO BE COMPLETED BY FNS REGIONAL OFFICE:

FNS Regional Offices are requested to ensure the questions have been adequately addressed by the State agency and formulate an opinion and justification for a response to the waiver request based on their knowledge, experience and work with the State.

Date request was received at Regional Office:

Check this box to confirm that the State agency has provided public notice in accordance with Section 12(l)(1)(A)(ii) of the NSLA

- **Regional Office Analysis and Recommendations:**