Food and Nutrition Service, USDA

§ 227.3 Administration.

(a) Within the Department, FNS shall act on behalf of the Department in the administration of the Program.

(b) Within the States, responsibility for administration of the Program shall be in the State agency, except

(j) National School Lunch Program means the lunch program authorized by the National School Lunch Act.

(k) Needs assessment means a systematic process for delineating the scope, extent (quantity), reach and success of any current nutrition education activities, including those relating to:

1. Methods and materials available inside and outside the classroom;
2. Training of teachers in the principles of nutrition and in nutrition education strategies, methods, and techniques;
3. Training of school foodservice personnel in the principles and practices of foodservice management;
4. Compilation of existing data concerning factors impacting on nutrition education and training such as statistics on child health and competency levels achieved by foodservice personnel.

(l) Program costs means costs, other than administrative costs, incurred in connection with any or all of the following:

1. The State Coordinator’s salary, and related support personnel costs, including fringe benefits and travel expenses;
2. Applying for assessment and planning funds;
3. The conduct of the needs assessment;
4. The development of the State Plan; and
5. The implementation of the approved State Plan, including related support services.

(m) Program means the Nutrition Education and Training Program authorized by section 19 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended.

(n) School means:
1. An educational unit of high school grade or under operating under public or nonprofit private ownership in a single building or complex of buildings. The term “high school grade or under” includes classes of preprimary grade when they are conducted in a school having classes of primary or higher grade, or when they are recognized as a part of the educational system in the State, regardless of whether such preprimary grade classes are conducted in a school having classes of primary or higher grade.
2. With the exception of residential summer camps which participate in the Summer Food Service Program for Children and private foster homes, any distinct part of a public or nonprofit private institution or any public or nonprofit private child care institution, which (i) maintains children in residence, (ii) operates principally for the care of children and (iii) if private, is licensed to provide residential child care services under the appropriate licensing code by the State or a subordinated level of government. The term “child care institution” includes, but is not limited to: Homes for the mentally retarded, the emotionally disturbed, the physically handicapped, and unmarried mothers and their infants; group homes; halfway houses; orphanages; temporary shelters for abused children and for runaway children; long term care facilities of chronically ill children; and juvenile detention centers.

3. With respect to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, non-profit child care centers certified as such by the Governor of Puerto Rico.

(o) School Breakfast Program means the program authorized by section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended.

(p) Foodservice personnel means those individuals responsible for planning, preparing, serving and otherwise operating foodservice programs funded by USDA grants as provided for in the National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966.

(q) State means any of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

(r) State agency means the State educational agency.

(s) State educational agency means, as the State legislature may determine:
1. The Chief State School Officer (such as the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Commissioner of Education, or similar officer), or
2. A board of education controlling the State Department of Education.

§ 227.3 Administration.

(a) Within the Department, FNS shall act on behalf of the Department in the administration of the Program.

(b) Within the States, responsibility for administration of the Program shall be in the State agency, except
that FNSRO shall administer the Program with respect to nonprofit private schools or institutions in any State where the State agency is prohibited by law from administering the Program in nonprofit private schools or institutions.

§ 227.4 Application and agreement.

After the initial fiscal year of participation each State agency desiring to take part in the Program shall enter into a written agreement with the Department for the administration of the Program in accordance with the provisions of this part. The State agency shall execute Form FNS–74, which shall constitute the written agreement.

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§ 227.5 Program funding.

(a) Total grant. The total grant to each State agency for each fiscal year for program costs and administrative costs shall consist of an amount equal to 50 cents per child enrolled in schools and institutions within the State during such year, but in no event shall such grant be less than $50,000: Provided, however, That a State’s total grant shall be reduced proportionately if the State does not administer the program in nonprofit private schools and institutions. If funds appropriated for a fiscal year are insufficient to pay the amount to which each State is entitled, the amount of such grant shall be reduced proportionately.

(b) First fiscal year participation—(1) Assessment and planning grant. A portion of the total grant shall be made available to each State agency during its first fiscal year of participation as an assessment and planning grant for:

(i) Employing a State Coordinator, as provided for in § 227.30, and related support personnel costs including fringe benefits and travel expenses,

(ii) Undertaking a needs assessment in the State,

(iii) Developing a State Plan for nutrition education and training within the State, and

(iv) Applying for the State assessment and planning grant.

(2) Advances for the assessment and planning grant. FNS shall make advances to any State desiring to participate in the Program, to enable the State to carry out the responsibilities set forth in paragraph (b)(1) of this section. Advances shall be made in two phases, in accordance with the following procedures:

(i) Initially, State agencies may receive an advance up to $35,000 for the purpose of hiring a State coordinator, as provided for in § 227.30. Application for such an advance shall be made on Form AD–623 when the State agency applies for participation in the Program. The information required for this advance shall be set out in Part III, Budget Information, Section B, Budget Categories. The State agency shall there indicate the funds required for the salary, travel, and fringe benefits of the State Coordinator, and related personnel costs necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the State Coordinator.

(ii) After appointment of the State Coordinator, the State agency may receive an additional advance of up to 50 percent of the total grant to which the State agency is entitled for the first year of participation, after deduction of the advance made for the State Coordinator under § 227.5(b)(2), but not to exceed $100,000, for the purpose of undertaking a needs assessment in the State, developing a State Plan for nutrition education and training, and applying for the assessment and planning grant. Application for such advance shall be made by amending Part III, Budget Information, of Form AD–623.

(3) Funds for implementing State plan.

(i) States receiving advances. Each State agency shall receive the remaining portion of its total grant in order