



# FACT SHEET

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## FACT SHEET: Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act School Meals Implementation

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Tguwu'qh'v'j g'J gcnj { /J wpi gt'Higg'Mkf u'Cev'uej qqn'o gnu'r tqxkukp'v'q' f cvg'kpenf g'<

É **Kids are eating more fruits and vegetables as a result of updated standards.** "C" tgegp'VJ ct xctf 'uwf { "j cu'eqpenf gf 'v'j cv'w'pf gt'v'j g'w' f cvgf 'ucpf ctf u'nkf u'ctg'pqy " gcvkpi "38'r tgegp'v'o qtg'xgi g'vcdrgu'cpf "45'r tgegp'v'o qtg'htwk'cv'hwpej 0

É **Over 90 percent of schools report that they are successfully meeting the updated nutrition standards.** "Uwf gpw'cetquu'v'j g'eqwpt { "ctg'g'zr g'kpekp' "c"j gcnj kg' uej qqn' gp'xkqpo gp'v'v' kj "o qtg'pwtkkkpw'qr v'kpu'0'v'j g'pgy "o gnu'ctg'r tqxk'kpi 'ej kf tgp'o qtg' y j qrg'i tckpu.'htwku'cpf 'xgi g'vcdrgu.'hgcp'r tqv'k'cpf "mqy /hcv'f ckt { .cu'y gnu'cu'rguu'wui ct. " hcv'cpf 'uqf kw 0

É **School lunch revenue is up.** "F gur kg'eqpegtpu'tckugf "cdqw'v'j g'ko r cev'qh'pgy 'ucpf ctf u' qp'r ctv'ekr cvk'p'cpf "equu."c"WUF C'cpcn'f uku'wui i guu'v'j cv'kp'v'j g'htu'v' { gct'qh' ko r ngo gp'v'kpi 'w' f cvgf "o gnu'r cwgtpu.'uej qqn'ucy "c'pgv'pcv'kpy kf g'"increase"kp'tgxgpw'g" htqo 'uej qqn'hwpej gu'qh'cr r tqzko cvgn' "&422'o knk'p'0'v'j ku'kpenf gu'v'j g'c'ppwcn' tgl'o dwtugo gp'vtcv'g'cf l'wwo gpw.'cu'y gnu'cu'kpetgcugf 't'gxgpw'g'htqo 'r ckl'o gnu'cpf 'v'j g' cf f'k'k'p'cn'8'egpw'r gt'o gnu'ht'uej qqn'o ggvkpi 'v'j g'pgy "o gnu'ucpf ctf u'0

É **Healthy food standards have not increased food waste.** "Y j kg'tgf wtkpi 'r r'v'g'y cu'g'cv' uej qqn.'j go gu'cpf "y qnr r'egv'eqv'kpw'gu'v'q'dg'c'r tkqt'k'v' hqt"WUF C.'c'tgegp'v'uwf { "d { " v'j g'J ct xctf "Uej qqn'qh'Rwdrke"J gcnj "uj qy gf "v'j cv'pgy "uej qqn'o gnu'ucpf ctf u'f kf "pqv" tguw'kp'kpetgcugf "hqf "y cu'g'0

É **Participation is increasing substantially in many areas of the country.** "WUF C"j cu' tgegk'g'f "t'gr qt'u'htqo "o cp { "uej qqn'k'p'f k'cv'kpi "c'r qukk'g't'gur qpug'v'q'j gcnj kg' q'ht'kpi u' cpf "kpetgcugf "r ctv'ekr cvk'p'0'Gzco r ngu'kpenf g'Nqu'c'p'p' g'rgu.'F c'ncu.'cpf "u'qo g'qh' Hqtk'f'cu'rti gu'uej qqn'f k'w'k'w'0'k'p' h'cev.'Nqu'c'p'p' g'rgu.'W'p'k'k'g'f /q'p'g'qh'v'j g'p'cv'k'p'u'rti gu' uej qqn'f k'w'k'w'j cu'uggp'c"36' "kpetgcug'kp'r ctv'ekr cvk'p'w'pf gt'v'j g'pgy "o gnu'ucpf ctf u'0 Cu'o qtg'nkf u'cpf "uej qqn'eqv'kpw'g'v'q'u'weegu'hw'w' "o cng'v'j g't'c'p'uk'k'p'v'q'v'j g'pgy " uc'pf ctf u.'WUF C'g'zr g'ew'r ctv'ekr cvk'p'v'q' h'ggr "erko d'kpi 0

É **HHFKA has led to participation increases within many schools.** "V'j g'Ego o w'p'k'v' " G'ri k'k'k'v' { "R'tq'x'k'k'p' "EGR+w'pf gt'v'j g'J HMC"j cu'dggp'u'weegu'hw'w' "ko r ngo gp'v'f "kp" cm qu'v'6.222'uej qqn'k'p'g'ctn' "cf q'r v'kpi "U'cv'gu'00 qtg'v'j cp'822'uej qqn'f k'w'k'w'cetquu'33" U'cv'gu'j cxg'cv'hw'cu'q'p'g'uej qqn'f ctv'ekr cvk'p' "kp'EGR0'v'j g'g'x'c'nc'v'k'p't'gu'w'u'f go q'p'w'cv'g' " v'j cv'r ctv'ekr cvk'p' "uej qqn'v'j gtg'cdrg'v'q'kpetgcug'r ctv'ekr cvk'p'kp'v'j g'kt'o gnu'r tqi tco u.'cpf " cu'y gnu'cu'g'zr g'kpegt'gxgpw'g' i c'p'u'cpf "f g'etgcugf "cf o k'p'w'cv'k'g'equu'0

É **Virtually all schools continue to participate.** "F cv'htqo "ucv'gu'k'p'f k'cv'g'f "xgt { "hgy " uej qqn'q'p'n' "2087" "qh'uej qqn'p'cv'k'p'py kf g'+t'gr qt'v'g'f "f tq'r r kpi "q'w'qh'v'j g'r tqi tco u'f v'g' " v'q'w'w' i ngu'q'xgt'r tqxk'k'p' "nkf u'j gcnj { "hqf 0U'cv'g'ci g'p'ek'gu't'gr qt'v'g'f "v'j cv'v'j g'uej qqn'p'q"

mpj gt'r ctvkr cvkpi 'lp'vj g'P UNR'y gtg'o clpn' t'gukf gpvkr'ej kf "ectg'kpukwkwpu'cpf"  
uo cmgt'uej qqu'y kj 'xgt' 'hry 'r gtegpvcu gu'qh'ej kf tgp'grki kdr'ht'ht'gg'cpf 't'gf wegf 'r tleg'  
o gcn0

É **USDA has and will continue to listen to stakeholders and provide guidance and flexibilities, as appropriate, to help schools and students adapt to the updated requirements.** 'Gctr' 'lp'vj g'ko r rgo gpv'vqp'r tqegu'ht'uej qqn'o gcu.'y j gp'uej qqu'  
cungf 'ht'hrzkdtkv' 'v'ugt'g'rti gt'ugt'xkpi u'qh'i tclpu'cpf 'r tqv'kpu'y kj lp'vj g'qxgtcm'  
ecmtkg'ecr u.'WUF C'tgur qpf gf 0'lp' lcpwct' { 'qh'vj ku' { gct.'y cv'hrzkdtkv' 'y cu'o cf g'  
r gto cpgp'0WUF C'ku'cnu' r'j culpi 'qvj gt'tgs wktgo gpv'lp'qxgt'vj g'pgz'v'ugxgtcn' { gctu0Cpf "  
j gctkpi 'uej qqu'eqpegtpu'qp'vj g'r'eni'qh'cxckrdtkv' 'qh'y j qrg'i tclp'r cuc.'WUF C'ku'  
cmqy kpi 'uej qqu'vj cv'j cxg'f go qputcvgf 'f k'lewn' 'lp'qdv'cklpi 'cf gs wcv'y j qrg'i tclp'  
r cuc'v'wug'tcf k'kqpcn'r cucu'ht'cp'cf f k'kqpcn'y q' { gctu'y j krg'lpf wwt' { 'y qtmu'v'et'gcv'  
dgwgt'y j qrg'i tclp'r cuc'r tqf weu0

É **USDA is helping schools encourage kids to choose new healthier options.** 'O quv'  
t'gegpv' 'y j g'F gr ctvo gpv'c'ppqwp'egf "&7/0"o k'kq'lp'pgy 'i t'cpw'v'q'w'r r qt'v'Smarter  
Lunchrooms."c'dtqcf 'v'q'qmk'qh'gcu' /v'ko r rgo gpv.'hry /equv'g'xkf g'peg/ducgf 'utcvgi kgu'  
vj cv'kpetg'cug'eqpuwo r v'kq'qh'j gcmj kgt'hq'f u'cpf 'f getg'cug'r r'v'g'y cug0

É **USDA is supporting numerous training sessions in conjunction with our partners to help schools implement the updated meal standards and prepare for Smart Snacks.**  
WUF C'j cu'eqo r r'v'g'f 'ugxgp'ugukpu'y kj 'xct'k'w'c'wf k'pegu'uk'peg'vj g'tw'g'y cu'  
r wdr'k'j gf 'cpf' 'cf f k'kqpcn'tclp'kpi 'ku'r r'pp'gf 'ht'vj g't'g'v'qh'vj g' { gct'0Vj g'F gr ctvo gpv'j cu'  
o cf g'lp'r gtu'qp'tclp'kpi u'cv'38'uej qqn'r tq'g'uk'qpcn'qti cpl' cv'kq'p'o ggv'kpi u'cpf 'j cxg't'gg'  
o qt'g'uej gf w'gf 'y ku'r t'kpi 'cpf 'uwo o gt0

É **USDA is supporting implementation of the updated school meals standards and new Smart Snacks standards through a variety of additional methods.**

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Kp'Hgdtwct' { .WUF C'c'ppqwp'egf 'y j g'cxckrdtkv' 'qh'w'r 'v'q'&7"o k'kq'vj tqwi j 'y j g'Hto 'v'  
Uej qqn'i t'cpv'r tqi tco 'v'q'k'petg'cug'vj g'co q'wp'v'qh'j gcmj { .h'qec'h'q'f 'lp'uej qqu'0'lp'H' 35.'WUF C'  
cy ctf gf 'i t'cpw'v'q'93'r tq'g'w'ur c'p'kpi '64'uc'v'g'u'cpf 'y j g'F k'w'k'v'qh'E'q'no d'k'0

WUF C'cy ctf gf "&7/0"o k'kq'lp' 'i t'cpw'lp'H' 4235'v'r tq'x'kf g'tclp'kpi 'cpf 'v'g'ej p'lecn'  
cuuk'c'peg'ht'ej kf 'p'w'k'k'q'p'h'q'f ugt'x'k'g'r tq'g'uk'qpcn'c'p'f 'uwr r qt'v'ut'qpi gt'uej qqn'p'w'k'k'q'p'  
gf we'v'k'q'p'r tqi tco u.'c'p'f 'r r'epu'v'q'cy ctf 'cf f k'kqpcn'i t'cpw'lp'H' 42360

Kp'Cr t'kn'WUF C'cy ctf gf "&47"o k'kq'lp' 'i t'cpw'v'q'j gr 'uej qqn'r w'ej cug'n'k'ej gp'gs w'k'o gpv'  
vj cv'y k'ni'j gr 'y j go 'r tq'x'kf g'j gcmj kgt'uej qqn'o gcn0

WUF C'ku'r ct'v'g't'kpi 'y kj 'y j g'C'm'k'peg'ht'c'J gcmj kgt'I g'p'g't'c'v'k'q'v'q'r tq'x'kf g'cp'q'p'k'p'g'  
r tqf we'v'ec're'w'v'qt'ht'Smart Snacks'0Vj g'p'gy gu'v'x'g't'k'q'p'qh'vj g'ec're'w'v'qt'y cu't'g'g'cug'f 'q'p'Cr t'k'i'  
9'c'p'f 'lp'cn'f gf 'c'd'g'x'g't'ci g'o qf w'g'0Vj ku'r tqf we'v'ec're'w'v'qt'y k'm'cuuk'v'c'm'uc'ngj q'rf gtu'lp'g'cu'k'f "  
k'f gp'v'k'k'p'i 'h'q'f 'c'p'f 'd'g'x'g't'ci g'r tqf we'v'v'j cv'o ggv'vj g'p'gy 'u'c'p'f ctf u0

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