OSPI CNS School Meal Programs Reference Sheet

Food Safety Inspections

Schools that serve meals under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) are required to maintain proper sanitation and health standards in conference with all applicable State and local laws and regulations.

Requirements

- LEAs are required to obtain two food safety inspections for each site, each school year.
    - LEAs must notify the inspecting agency to arrange for the inspections.
    - If the inspecting agency is unable to fulfill this responsibility, the LEA must request the inspections in writing and keep a copy of the correspondence to document their efforts.
- LEAs must post, in a publicly visible location, a report on the most recent food safety inspection.
- LEAs must provide a copy of food safety inspection reports to members of the public upon request.

Other Information:

- Food Safety Inspections must be completed by a State or local governmental agency responsible for food safety inspections.
- Sites participating in more than one child nutrition program are only required to obtain two food safety inspections per school year if the nutrition programs offered use the same facilities for the production and service of meals.
    - A food safety inspection for the Summer Food Service Program conducted during the summer may count towards one of the required inspections for the following school year.
- The inspection requirement applies to all food preparation/service sites and service only sites.

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Reference:
- [7 CFR 210.13](#) and [7 CFR 220.7](#)
- [SP 45-2011](#)

Resources
- [Department of Health (DOH) Food Safety Program](#)
- [Local Health Department Food Safety Contacts](#)
- [Washington State Retail Food Code](#)
- [Food Safety Program Reference Sheet](#)

Acronym Reference
- CFR – Code of Federal Regulations
- CNS - Child Nutrition Services
- NSLP – National School Lunch Program
- OSPI - Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
- SBP – School Breakfast Program
- LEA – Local Education Agency