



Substituting Vegetables for Grains in Tribal Communities Documentation

To support traditional foodways, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) allows Program operators to substitute vegetables to meet the grains or breads component in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) where American Indian or Alaska Native participants represent the largest demographic group participants. Any creditable vegetable may be substituted for the grains or bread component with an emphasis on traditional and culturally relevant vegetables.

Eligible Program operators are not required to submit a request of approval to use this menu planning option; however, Program operators are required to maintain documentation of eligibility to use this menu planning option. For the NSLP and SBP, the School Food Authority (SFA) is responsible for maintaining documentation to demonstrate that the SFA or its schools qualify to use this option. For the SFSP and CACFP, the sponsor, institution, or facility is responsible for maintaining site-level documentation.

Instructions:

In the table on page 2, indicate:

- Program(s) operated
- Type of eligible entity
- Acceptable documentation used
 - Aggregate Census or School Data is attached (if applicable)
 - [Census data](#)
 - Census Data: Enter the city, town, or zip code.
 - [School Data](#) – Enrollment by Student Demographics
 - WA State Report Card data: Enter the school district located in your geographical area.
 - Select the “Diversity Report”, select “Enrollment by Student Demographics”.
- Flexibility will be used at or all sites or only those listed

Sponsoring Organization representative must sign and date the form indicating the date documentation was established.

Note: When aggregate data is used as acceptable documentation, **documentation must be updated every five years.**

Sponsoring Organization Representative Sig.

Date Documentation Established

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Date Documentation Updated

Program	Eligible Entities	Acceptable Documentation
<input type="checkbox"/> NSLP	<input type="checkbox"/> SFAs and schools that are tribally operated, operated by the Bureau of Indian Education	Certifying statement <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Our SFA is tribally operated or operated by the Bureau of Indian Education.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> SBP	<input type="checkbox"/> SFAs that serve primarily American Indian or Alaska Native children	Aggregate data <input type="checkbox"/> Student demographics documentation is attached (census or school data).
<input type="checkbox"/> SFSP	<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsors and sites in any State that serve primarily American Indian or Alaska Native children	Certifying Statement: <input type="checkbox"/> Our SFA is tribally operated or operated by the Bureau of Indian Education <input type="checkbox"/> As a Community Sponsor our enrolled site(s) primarily serves American Indian or Alaska Native participants. School or Census Data: <input type="checkbox"/> For our non-enrolled site(s), community demographics documentation is attached (census or school data).
<input type="checkbox"/> CACFP	<input type="checkbox"/> Institutions or facilities in any State that serve primarily American Indian or Alaska Native participants	Certifying Statement: <input type="checkbox"/> Our SFA is tribally operated or operated by the Bureau of Indian Education <input type="checkbox"/> As a Community Sponsor our enrolled site(s) primarily serves American Indian or Alaska Native participants. School or Census Data: <input type="checkbox"/> For our non-enrolled site(s), community demographics documentation is attached (census or school data).

Flexibility will be used at all Sponsors sites.

Flexibility will be used only at the sites listed here: