



8.26.19 Minnesota Requests School Nutrition Programs Waiver for Extension to Three-year Review Cycle

The Minnesota Department of Education Nutrition, Health and Youth Development Division (MDE NHYD) is requesting a waiver that would add a fourth year to the three-year School Nutrition Programs review cycle that ended with the 2018-19 school year. Per regulations described in 7 CFR 210.18(c)(1), the waiver would allow MDE NHYD to complete administrative reviews in the 2019-20 school year that were not included in the most recent three-year review cycle. Upon receiving this waiver, MDE NHYD will re-submit the five-year review cycle waiver described below.

8.15.19 Minnesota Requests School Nutrition Programs Administrative Review Cycle Waiver

The Minnesota Department of Education Nutrition, Health and Youth Development Division (MDE NHYD) is requesting a waiver that would extend to five years its review of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) school meals programs. The waiver, if approved by the USDA, adds two years to the three-year review cycle of School Nutrition Program sponsors.

In School Year 2013-14, USDA introduced a unified Administrative Review and shortened the review cycle from five to three years (7 CFR 210.18). Since then, however, USDA has received feedback about issues with the shorter cycle experienced by state agencies doing the reviews and by School Food Authorities (SFAs) responding to reviews. MDE NHYD is requesting the waiver to lighten the SFA burden and improve customer service to SFAs. Implementation of the waiver request is subject to USDA approval. View the [USDA Memorandum Flexibility for Administrative Review Cycle Requirement](#).