



CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM STATE WAIVER REQUEST TEMPLATE

Child Nutrition Programs are expected to be administered according to all statutory and regulatory requirements; waivers to the requirements are exceptions. However, Section 12(l) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1760(l), provides authority for USDA to waive requirements for State agencies or eligible service providers under certain circumstances. When requesting the waiver of statutory or regulatory requirements for the Child Nutrition Programs (CNP), including the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP), the Special Milk Program (SMP), and the School Breakfast Program (SBP), State agencies and eligible service providers should use this template. State agencies and eligible service providers should consult with their FNS Regional Offices when developing waiver requests to ensure a well-reasoned, thorough request is submitted. State agencies and eligible service providers are encouraged to submit complete waiver requests at least 60 calendar days prior to the anticipated implementation date. Requests submitted less than 60 calendar days prior to the anticipated implementation should be accompanied by an explanation of extenuating circumstances.

For more information on requests for waiving Program requirements, refer to SP 15-2018, CACFP 12-2018, SFSP 05-2018, *Child Nutrition Program Waiver Request Guidance and Protocol- Revised*, May 24, 2018.

1. 1) State agency submitting waiver request and responsible State agency staff contact information:

*DOHN Community High School, Diane Sharp, Food Service Director,
dhsarp@dohncincy.org 513.300.5363*

2. 2) Region:

Midwest Region Office

3. 3) Eligible service providers participating in waiver and affirmation that they are in good standing:

DOHN Community High School, IRN# 133264

4. 4) Description of the challenge the State agency is seeking to solve, the goal of the waiver to improve services under the Program, and the expected outcomes if the waiver is granted. [Section 12(l)(2)(A)(iii) and 12(l)(2)(A)(iv) of the NSLA]:

DOHN Community HS is requesting to apply for CEP with a direct certification list obtained on 5/12/23. The reason for this late Direct certification list is due to an unexpected homicide that took the life of our Food Service coordinator's daughter and unborn grandchild. She was the only authorized person to run the DC in our department. January 17, 2023, was the only direct cert ran for the school year. We would like to also use the May 5, 2023, direct cert. to increase our identified count.

5. 5) Specific Program requirements to be waived (include statutory and regulatory citations). [Section 12(l)(2)(A)(i) of the NSLA]:

DOHN Community HS is requesting to apply for CEP with direct certification lists obtained after April 9, 2023 per regulation CFR 245.9 (f)(3)(i).

6. 6) Detailed description of alternative procedures and anticipated impact on Program operations, including technology, State systems, and monitoring:

If CEP is approved, this would allow all DOHN schools to eat for free, instead of limiting free lunch to students whose families fill out forms. The students have difficulty returning the forms. CEP will reduce the number of students who get suspended or don't attend school due to hunger. Its evidence that free meal programs has been linked to higher test scores and better health. This helps students to focus on graduating opposed to focusing on hunger. Feeding students in high-poverty schools can only be a benefit because the program impacts achievements.

7) Description of any steps the State has taken to address regulatory barriers at the State level. [Section 12(l)(2)(A)(ii) of the NSLA]:

This request will have no regulatory barriers at the state level.

1. 8) Anticipated challenges State or eligible service providers may face with the waiver implementation: .

Students that are challenged with financial needs will avoid coming to school at all costs. The pressure of not knowing if they will be able eat or not will cause more harm than benefit. CEP would take that constraint away from them.

2. 9) Description of how the waiver will not increase the overall cost of the Program to the Federal Government. If there are anticipated increases, confirm that the costs will be paid from non-Federal funds. [Section 12(l)(1)(A)(iii) of the NSLA]:

The waiver would not increase the overall cost because unfortunately the majority of our school are impoverished families/communities.

3. 10) **Anticipated waiver implementation date and time period:**
The first day of school for the 23-24 year is September 5th, 2023.
4. 11) **Proposed monitoring and review procedures:**
DOHN Community HS will ensure that all requirements will be completed and will adhere to all city and state regulations.
5. 12) **Proposed reporting requirements (include type of data and due date(s) to FNS):**
Before and during the 23-24 school year DOHN community HS will be in compliance.
6. 13) **Link to or a copy of the public notice informing the public about the proposed waiver [Section 12(I)(1)(A)(ii) of the NSLA]:**
7. 14) **Signature and title of requesting official:**

Food Service Director

Title: Food Service Director
Diane Sharp, dsharp@dohncincy.org



Requesting official's email address for transmission of response:

TO BE COMPLETED BY FNS REGIONAL OFFICE:

FNS Regional Offices are requested to ensure the questions have been adequately addressed by the State agency and formulate an opinion and justification for a response to the waiver request based on their knowledge, experience and work with the State.

Date request was received at Regional Office:

- Check this box to confirm that the State agency has provided public notice in accordance with Section 12(I)(1)(A)(ii) of the NSLA**

- **Regional Office Analysis and Recommendations:**