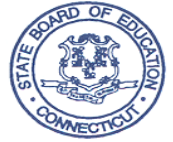




STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Sponsors of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs

FROM: John Frassinelli, Chief
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DATE: October 29, 2014

SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum #3-15
Federal Register Request for Information: Unpaid Meal Charges

Section 143 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA) requires the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), in conjunction with States and participating local educational agencies (LEAs), to examine and report on the current policies and practices of State agencies and LEAs regarding extending credit to children by allowing them to “charge” the cost of school meals on the day of service. As required by the HHFKA, this examination must include the feasibility of establishing national standards for extending credit to children by allowing meal charges, establishing national charges for alternate meals which might be served, and providing recommendations for implementing those standards.

At this time, the FNS is seeking information from all affected parties regarding State and LEA current policies regarding extending credit to children by allowing them to “charge” the cost of school meals on the day of service. Specifically, the FNS is interested in commenters providing details of policies and procedures in their State or LEA and the advantages and challenges associated with those procedures.

For more information, go to [Federal Register/Vol. 79, NO. 200](#) which explains details regarding the notice. All commentary must be received no later than **January 14, 2015**.

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