



National Professional Standards for School Nutrition Program Personnel

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History



- 2009 LAC – SNA Past Presidents recommended to SNA Board the establishment of national professional standards to elevate quality, efficiency and reputation of school nutrition programs.
- ANC 2009 - mega issue discussion found overwhelming support for development of professional standards

Task Force



- 12 Member Task Force (TF) appointed by SNA President, approved by SNA Board
- TF members represented different segments of SNA membership
- TF met in August to draft standards

SNA Member Input



- Draft standards were posted on SNA website for review and comment by SNA members and shared with more than 40 allied groups
- Input received via blog, survey monkey, emails and faxes
- Final standards took into account all these comments

Board Action



- During October Committee Days, SNA Board approved the professional standards
- SNA will begin discussions with Congress, USDA, other allied groups to include these standards in Child Nutrition Reauthorization

What *are* the standards?



- Standards apply **ONLY** to new hires.
- All current School Nutrition Personnel/State Agency Personnel are grandfathered.

Employees, Food Handlers



- 3 hours of Continuing Education annually after 1st year; 6 hours preferred
- 10 hours training within 1st year with a Certificate of Completion, covering:
 - Nutrition
 - Food Safety/Sanitation
 - SN Orientation
- SNA certification preferred

Managers



- Maintain Certification
- SNA certified (within 1 year) or School Nutrition Specialist (SNS) credentialed (within 2 years) or Dietetic Technician Registered (DTR)
- Must have:
 - HS diploma or GED
 - 1 year of foodservice experience

Directors



- ALL directors must:
 - Maintain certification/credentialing
 - Meet the same requirements as a manager
 - AND meet the requirements on the following slides based on the size of their school district:

Directors: Student Enrollment 10K or More



- SNS Credential or Registered Dietitian (RD) (within 1st 2 years)
- Bachelors Degree required with academic emphasis in Nutrition, Business, Nutrition Education, Food Systems Administration, Family and Consumer Science, or other related field
- Masters Degree preferred

Directors: Student Enrollment 2,500-9,999



- SNA Certified at Level 3 (within 1st 2 years) or SNS Credential or RD or DTR (within 1st 2 years)
- Associates Degree required
- Bachelors Degree preferred with academic emphasis the same as for 10K and up

Directors: Student Enrollment 2,499 or less



- SNS Credential or RD or DTR (within 1st 2 years)
- Associates Degree required
- Bachelors Degree preferred with academic emphasis the same as for 10K and up

State Agency Director



- Complete NFSMI training within 1st 2 years
- Bachelors Degree required with academic emphasis the same as for 10K and up
- Masters Degree preferred
- SNS Credential preferred
- NOTE: SA is to have at least one SNS credentialed employee on staff if SA Director is not SNS credentialed