

HealthierUS School Challenge: Smarter Lunchrooms (HUSC:SL)

The program that brings the previous four elements together, is the [HealthierUS School Challenge: Smarter Lunchrooms \(HUSC:SL\)](#). This is a voluntary certification initiative for any school enrolled as a [Team Nutrition School](#). This opportunity offers incentives and recognition to those schools that have implemented, and continue to improve upon, healthy school environments through ongoing efforts to encourage good exercise and nutrition habits.

It has never been easier to apply for, not only HUSC:SL, but also other awards that have partnered with this program to reward your school and students through an updated, less paperwork, and more [streamlined application](#) process.



Recognition and Incentive

The HealthierUS Challenge: Smarter Lunchroom recognizes schools in compliance with all current HUSC:SL criteria at four distinctive award levels (Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Gold Award of Distinction). Schools participating in HUSC:SL provide students with a healthier school environment, which supports their health and academic achievement. Additionally, awardees will receive the following:

- *Display banner*
- *Award plaque signed by the Secretary of Agriculture*
- *National recognition by being listed on the USDA Team Nutrition web site*
- *Congratulatory letter signed by the First Lady of the United States*
- *Monetary incentive at award level:*



\$500
BRONZE



\$1,000
SILVER



\$1,500
GOLD



\$2,000
**GOLD AWARD
OF DISTINCTION**



Online Resources

USDA HUSSC:SL

A basic introduction to the HUSSC:SL program with information including past recipients.



<http://www.fns.usda.gov/hussc/healthierus-school-challenge-smarter-lunchrooms>

USDA HUSSC:SL Application Criteria and Guidance

Breaks down the general criteria on how to apply for HUSSC:SL, requirements and monetary incentives.



<http://www.fns.usda.gov/hussc/application-criteria-and-guidance>

USDA HUSSC:SL Streamlined Application

Recipients of the Alliance for a Healthier Generations Healthy Schools Program National Recognition Award may also be eligible for a streamlined application process for HUSSC:SL.



<http://www.fns.usda.gov/hussc/streamlined-application>

Idaho Child Nutrition Programs HealthierUS School Challenge

Provides helpful resources such as training webinars, and information on applying for HUSSC:SL.



<http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/cnp/healthierUS>

USDA Team Nutrition Join the Team

In order to apply for HUSSC:SL, a school must be enrolled as a Team Nutrition School. This site provides the School Enrollment Form as well as strategies, values and beneficial nutrition education resources.



<http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/join-team>



HOW HEALTHY IS YOUR SCHOOL?

Complete the [HUSSC:SL Assessment Score Card](#) to find out your school's qualification level.

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HUSSC:SL SELF-ASSESSMENT SCORE CARD			
<small>This tool provides information on applying for HUSSC:SL. Use it to track your progress and gather ideas on ways to create a healthier school environment.</small>			
District Name: _____		District Number: _____	
School Name: _____		Date of Assessment: _____	
Grade Levels: _____			
<small>Unless specified, criteria are for all grades/award levels.</small>			
I. General Criteria			
General		Select One	
Our school is enrolled as a Team Nutrition School.			
		Yes	No
We have completed all corrective actions from the school's most recent State review of the school meal program.			
		Yes	No
Our school currently meets school meal pattern requirements for the NSLP and SSP as specified in 7 CFR 246.8(a)(2)(ii) .			
		Yes	No
The School Food Authority is certified to receive the additional all-earn performance-based reimbursement (DHAPA 2020).			
		Yes	No
Our school participates in the School Breakfast Program (SBP) and National School Lunch Program (NSLP).			
		Yes	No
BREAKFAST: List the Average Daily Participation (ADP) based on student attendance of one month.			
Elementary/Middle School	High School	Award Level	
≤19%	≤14%	Bronze	🥉
20% - 34%	15% - 24%	Silver	🥈
≥35%	≥25%	Gold	🥇
<small>Gold Award of Distinction 🏆</small>			
LUNCH: List the Average Daily Participation (ADP) based on student attendance of one month.			
Elementary/Middle School	High School	Award Level	
≤50%	≤44%	Bronze	🥉
60% - 74%	60% - 66%	Silver	🥈
≥75%	≥67%	Gold	🥇
<small>Gold Award of Distinction 🏆</small>			
<small>List the award level identified above for the Average Daily Participation (ADP) for Breakfast and Lunch. If the award levels for the above scores are different, select the lowest award level.</small>			