# Topic: School Food Safety Inspections

**Overview:**

School Food Authorities (SFAs) serving meals under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) are required to maintain proper sanitation and health standards in conformance with all applicable state and local laws and regulations.

## **Requirements:**

* SFAs are required to obtain two food safety inspections for each site, each school year.
* SFAs must notify the inspecting agency to make arrangements for the inspections.
* If the inspecting agency is unable to fulfill the request, the SFA must request the inspections in writing and keep a copy of the correspondence to document their efforts.
* SFAs must post, in a publicly visible location, the most recent food safety inspection report.
* SFAs must provide a copy of food safety inspection reports to members of the public upon request.

**Other Information:**

* Food safety inspections must be completed by a state or local governmental agency responsible for food safety inspections.
* Sites participating in more than one child nutrition program are only required to obtain two food safety inspections per school year if the nutrition programs offered use the same facilities for the production and service of meals.
* Food safety inspections for the Summer Food Service Program conducted during the summer may count towards one of the required inspections for the next school year.
* The inspection requirement applies to all sites where food is served.
* A sample letter to public health officials to request inspection can be found on the [ODE CNP Food Safety](https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/childnutrition/SNP/Pages/General-Program-Compliance.aspx#FSBA) webpage or can be found on CNPweb on the packet tab.

**Helpful Resources:**

* [Oregon Health Authority Food Safety](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/healthyenvironments/foodsafety/pages/index.aspx)
* [Local Public Health Authority Directory](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/ProviderPartnerResources/LocalHealthDepartmentResources/Pages/lhd.aspx)

**Regulatory Reference:**

* [7 CFR 210.13](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-7/subtitle-B/chapter-II/subchapter-A/part-210#210.13) and [7 CFR 220.7](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-7/subtitle-B/chapter-II/subchapter-A/part-220)
* [SP 45-2011](https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/food-safety-inspections-service-only-sites-participating-school-meals-programs)

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**Acronym Reference** **and Definitions**

-CFR Code of Federal Regulations

-SFA School Food Authority

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