



*Program Year 2023*

**East Chicago Lighthouse Charter School  
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No. of Sites / Reviewed: 1 / 1  
Month of Review: March 2023

**Commendations**

- \* There was a nice variety of fresh fruit and vegetables offered to students.

**No Findings during Review**

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Month of Review: March 2023

**Meal Counting & Claiming - East Chicago Lighthouse Charter School (3971)**

*325. Review Period- meal counts by category were correctly used in the claim for reimbursement*

**Technical Assistance - Meal Counts****Technical Assistance:**

The state agency validated the FSMC's meal count which was taken with meal count sheets. The SFA uses an electronic method to count meals, but it proved to be more unreliable than the meal count sheets. The state agency, FSMC, and SFA discussed the issues regarding validity of counts and it is understood that the SFA will claim by using the meal count sheets.

**Meal Components & Quantities - East Chicago Lighthouse Charter School (3971)**

*400. Day of Review- all required meal components were available to all students during the entire meal service*

**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance:**

The FSMC was short four meals on the day of review. The food service staff prepped four additional meals while the students waited for ten minutes; two of the students declined to wait for the meals. The FSMC was practicing batch cooking as to not waste food, however, the State Agency recommends having alternate meals for students who would not want to wait for additional meals to be prepared.

*409. Review Period- all required meal components per weekly meal pattern requirements were offered and served to students*

**Technical Assistance - Meal Production Records****Technical Assistance:**

On March 24, 2023, the production record only shows one variety of milk served. The kitchen staff claims they did provide two choices, however, they did not document it. Every item served needs to be included on the production record every day. This is understood and no further action is necessary.

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**General Program Compliance - East Chicago Lighthouse Charter School (3971)**

*1300. Potable water is free and available to all students during lunch and breakfast*

**Finding 9164: Free potable water is not available to all students for lunch in each location where lunches are served during the meal service. and for breakfast (when breakfast is served in the cafeteria)**

Free potable water is not available to all students for lunch in each location where lunches are served during the meal service.

**Corrective Action:**

The location of the potable water must be in the meal service area or immediately adjacent to the meal service area. This is understood and no further action is necessary.

*1411. Review of agricultural food components indicates violations of the Buy American provision*

**Finding 9000: Buy American Provision**

The school had Grape Tomatoes that were a product of Mexico.

**Corrective Action:**

The SFA has sent a notice to their food distributor notifying them they will not accept produce that is not from the United States. This is sufficient and no further action is necessary.