

Louisiana School Lunch Week
March 16-20, 2026

Contest Information Packet



The 2026 Louisiana School Lunch theme is ***The Magic of School Lunch***. In addition to showcasing Louisiana crops, this year's theme invites students and staff to explore the wonder and excitement behind the nutritious meals served in our schools.

During the week of March 16-20, 2026, show off Louisiana food products that are prepared for students in your District. This week recognizes the contribution that the Louisiana products provide to the health and wellness of our students who take advantage of the meals provided. Don't forget to showcase your students' art and educational talents in your cafeteria this week. We recommend project displays, contests and prizes to engage your students. Above all, make everything FUN!!

Note: There is no menu template for LSLW. Prepare your menus to include and showcase Louisiana products daily while demonstrating our Magic of School Lunch theme.

Winners will be notified in writing and will be recognized at the Annual Conference in 2026. Scrapbooks and videos will be returned at the SNAL Conference. All Scrapbook and Video entries must be postmarked by Friday, May 22, 2026. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!

Mail Scrapbook and/or Video to:
Ashley White
Child Nutrition
1607 Martin Luther King Street
Bastrop, Louisiana 71220
Phone: 318-283-3457
Email: awhite@mpsbus

Entrants may submit a Scrapbook and/or a Video

PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

SCRAPBOOK INSTRUCTIONS

1. Entries must be submitted in a one inch (1") to one and 1/2 inch (1 1/2") three ring binder with sheet protectors.
2. Entry form provided must be the first page of the binder.
3. Entry cannot exceed twenty (20) individual sheets.
4. Both sides of each page may be utilized, making the maximum page count to be forty (40), front and back sheets.
5. Entry should include lots of pictures, copies of menus, letters, thank you notes and documentation of media coverage.
6. Typed or neatly printed captions must accompany pictures, cards, student activity sheets, newsletter articles, etc.
7. All documentation should be placed in the same sequence that the events took place.
8. Involve students in activities.

SCRAPBOOK SCORING CRITERIA

Binder Presentation (Neat Creative Colorful)	15 points
Student/Cafeteria Staff Involvement	25 points
Presentation of LSLWTheme	25 points
Educational Impact (Nutritional Guidelines)	15 points
Community/Parent Involvement	<u>20 points</u>
Total Points	100 points

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VIDEO INSTRUCTIONS

To submit a video, follow these guidelines.

1. Entries must be submitted on a DVD.
2. Video must include the entry form in the title and in the video credits.
3. Entry cannot be over 10 minutes in length.
4. Video must include sound and captions
5. Entry must include student involvement

VIDEO SORING CRITERIA:

1. Video Presentation	15 points
2. Student/Cafeteria Staff Involvement	25 points
3. Promotion of LSLW	25 points
4. Educational Impact	15 points
5. Parent/Community Involvement	<u>20 points</u>

Total Points 100 points

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The Magic of School Lunch

School Name: _____

Parish: _____ Enrollment: _____

Supervisor's or Director's Name: _____

Manager's Name: _____

Contact Person's Mailing Address:

Phone Number: _____

Principal's Name: _____

Grade Levels: _____

Breakfast ADP: _____ Lunch ADP: _____