



HealthierUS School Challenge: Smarter Lunchrooms Initiative



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Overview of The Challenge Initiative

Voluntary certification initiative of the USDA

Recognizes schools that have created healthier school environments through promotion of:

- **Nutrition education**
- **Physical education/physical activity**
- **School wellness policies**
- **Smart Snacks in Schools**
- **Smarter lunchroom techniques**



Four Award Levels: *Bronze, Silver, Gold, Gold Award of Distinction*

In 2014, HUSSC re-named **HUSSC: Smarter Lunchrooms (SL)**

Current California HUSSC: SL Winners:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/hussc/california-award-winners>

Minimum Requirements



Schools are eligible to apply if they:

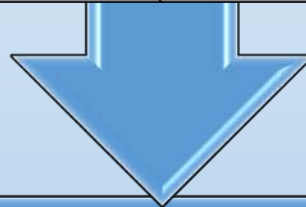
- Participate in the NSLP and SBP
- Are a USDA Team Nutrition School (to enroll, visit: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/join-team-become-team-nutrition-school>)
- Meet or exceed all criteria for the desired award level

The Challenge Application



Meet HUSSC: SL Criteria for desired award level relating to:

Meal Pattern Requirements for SBP & NSLP offerings	Smarter Lunchroom Techniques	Average Daily Participation for SBP and NSLP (for Silver+)	Nutrition Education	Physical Education	Opportunities for Physical Activity	School Wellness Policies and Practices	Menu of Other Criteria of Excellence (schools select)
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HUSSC: SL Applications materials can be found here:

USDA Web page:

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

CDE Web page:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/he/hussc.asp>

Benefits of Being a Challenge Winner

Cash awards for each school:

- \$500 for **Bronze**
- \$1,000 for **Silver**
- \$1,500 for **Gold**
- \$2,000 for **Gold Award of Distinction**



Display banner and plaque from the USDA

An official congratulatory letter from the First Lady

Recognition during a local media event and on the USDA's HUSSC: SL Web page

Individual staff recognition

Certification period lasts 4 years



HealthierUS School Challenge Team



If you plan on submitting an application this year or have any questions regarding the HUSSC: SL application, please contact:

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