

2016 National Healthy Schools Program Award Reciprocity

The Healthy Schools Program (HSP), an initiative of the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, and the HealthierUS School Challenge: Smarter Lunchrooms (HUSSC: SL)*, administered by the USDA, both recognize schools that create healthier school environments by improving nutrition and physical activity practices. This document outlines the streamlined application process between these two awards.

Both HSP and HUSSC have additional award requirements in the areas of physical education, physical activity, health promotion for staff and health/nutrition education. To learn more about the full program requirements from both organizations, please visit the following links:

- [Healthy Schools Program Framework](#)
- [HealthierUS School Challenge: Smarter Lunchrooms Application Materials](#)
 - [HUSSC: SL award winning schools](#)

****The HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSSC) was recently re-named to the HealthierUS School Challenge: Smarter Lunchrooms (HUSSC: SL), due to special emphasis that recognizes schools actively implementing Smarter Lunchroom techniques.***

HUSSC ➡ HSP

Has your school received a HUSSC or HUSSC: SL award? Check out the date on your award certificate and compare to the “Start Date on Certificate” column below. Then get ready to fast track your HSP application! You do not have to submit evidence in your HSP application for the criteria listed in the “HSP: Criteria for Bronze” column corresponding to your certificate date.

HUSSC Certified (Any Level)	Start Date on Certificate	HSP: Criteria for Bronze (Eligible criteria to bypass)
HUSSC 2009 Criteria	5/2010 to 7/2013	School Nutrition Services *Criteria 401, 402, 403 and 404
HUSSC 2012 Criteria	8/2013 to 3/2015 <i>(with the exception of 2 schools awarded 5/2013 and 6/2013)</i>	School Nutrition Services *Criteria 401, 402, 403 and 404 Health Education (Nutrition topics only) *Criteria 201, 202 and 204
HUSSC: SL 2014 Criteria	Beginning 4/2015	School Nutrition Services *Criteria 401, 402, 403 and 404 Smart Snacks *Criteria 105 and 106 Health Education (Nutrition topics only) *Criteria 201, 202 and 204

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HSP ➡ HUSSC: SL

Has your school received a HSP award between 2013 and 2016? Then fast track your HUSSC: SL application! You do not have to complete the sections of the HUSSC: SL application listed in the “HUSSC: SL Areas for Certification” column corresponding with the award date on your HSP certificate.

HSP Award (Any Level)	Award Date	HUSSC: SL Areas for Certification (Eligible areas to bypass)
HSP 2013-14	2014	School Meals (Bronze only) Physical Education (any level) Physical Activity (any level) Nutrition Education (any level)
HSP 2014-15	2015	HUSSC: SL BRONZE
HSP 2015-16	2016	HUSSC: SL BRONZE

LMAS ➡ HUSSC: SL

Let's Move! Active Schools (LMAS) follows the same Framework as HSP, with a focus on physical education and activity. Has your school received a LMAS award between 2013 and 2016? Then fast track your HUSSC: SL application! You do not have to complete the sections of the HUSSC: SL application listed in the “HUSSC: SL Areas for Certification” column corresponding with the award date on your LMAS certificate. For more information about *Let's Move! Active Schools* visit, www.letsmoveactiveschools.org

LMAS	Award date	HUSSC: SL Areas for Certification (Eligible areas to bypass)
2013-14	2014	Physical Education (any level)
2014-15	2015	Physical Activity (any level)
2015-16	2016	

If you are planning to submit HUSSC documentation as part of your Healthy Schools Program award application please connect with one of our **National Nutrition Advisors, Carol Chong or Stephanie Joyce** prior to submitting your application.

Check out the [Award Reciprocity webinar](#) for more in-depth information on streamlining your applications and reducing paperwork!