# Child Nutrition Director

E stablished in 1998, the MSBO Voluntary Certification Program supports the ongoing professional development of school business officials. The program is a mark of distinction that reflects professional achievement and demonstrates a person's dedication to his/her profession.

This voluntary certification program is sponsored by Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO), in cooperation with School Nutrition Association of Michigan (SNAM) and Michigan Department of Education (MDE).

## **Benefits of Child Nutrition Director Certification**

The Child Nutrition Director (CND) certification:

- 1. provides access to information and training that is specific to Federal and State (Michigan) laws and regulation;
- 2. provides resources for quality child nutrition programs in Michigan schools; and
- 3. provides a basis for advancing professionalism of Child Nutrition Directors in Michigan Schools.

## The CND Program

MSBO certification courses provide a great deal of information in a short time. They are intended to cover major points about their respective topics, offer an opportunity for questions and discussion, and provide resource information for future use.

Our recommended beginning course for Child Nutrition Director Certification is School Meals Program Requirements through MDE or School Food Service Basics through SNAM. Although anyone may benefit from this or other individual certification courses, the full program is generally intended for Child Nutrition Directors in their first 1-5 years of employment. However, any person employed in food service who meets the stated requirements may receive Child Nutrition Director Certification. There is no requirement for holding a particular position in a school district.

## Requirements

This program and the courses listed have been created and reviewed by the Food Services Committee and Professional Development Committee of MSBO. An applicant for certification must be a member of MSBO.

Read the reverse side of this sheet for a listing of certification courses that are offered through MSBO, MDE and the Statewide Training Program for School Nutrition Professionals through SNAM. In some circumstances, courses from other sources may be counted toward MSBO certification. Please be aware that some courses and/or requirements may change. MSBO and the committees that created this program continue to evaluate plans and make minor modifications as deemed appropriate





# MSBO's Certification Program Benefits:

- Provides access to information needed to succeed in your job.
- Offers practical overviews of key areas of law, regulations and practices.
- Identifies resources for information that may be utilized at a later time.
- Assures a quality curriculum is developed and monitored by the MSBO Professional Development Committee.
- Uses experienced practitioners to teach classes.
- Offers seminars at regular intervals and reasonable prices.
- Uses adult learning principles and provides a learning environment where colleagues can share experiences and information.
- Coordinates with the SNA Level I and Level II certification requirements

Go to www.msbo.org for more information about the MSBO Voluntary Certification Program for School Business Officials.

## **Questions?**

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# **Child Nutrition Director (CND) Course Descriptions**

#### The following courses must be completed:

| Course Title  | Offered by        | Hours |  |
|---|-------------------|-------|--|
| Financial Management<br>Sound financial principles are identified as<br>the primary foundation of child nutrition<br>programs. Materials, case studies and work<br>sheets cover revenue, expense, balance<br>sheets, meal equivalents, meals per labor<br>hour, pricing, and budgets.   | SNAM #415         | 4     |  |
| Food Service Program Accountability<br>Develop a comprehensive internal audit/<br>evaluation system for reviewing all aspects<br>of your food service program. Learn how<br>to perform audits in all areas to ensure<br>compliance of local, state, and federal<br>regulations and guidelines, including<br>policies and agreements that govern food<br>service operations. | MSBO              | 3     |  |
| Labor Relations/Employment Law<br>Understand the major state and federal<br>employment laws that apply to public<br>schools. Learn about collective bargaining,<br>wage and hour, discrimination, COBRA,<br>Family Medical Leave Act and other state<br>and federal retirement issues.  | MSBO              | 6     |  |
| Nutrition I<br>Learn essential nutrition facts, understand<br>the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, and<br>discover more about sodium, sugar, fat,<br>cholesterol, and weight management.   | SNAM #180         | 10    |  |
| Wrap-up/Ethics<br>Celebrate completion of your certification<br>program! Reflect on what you have learned<br>and your role in the educational process<br>and your school district. This class can be<br>taken only if you are two classes or less<br>from completing your certification (not<br>counting the Wrap-Up/Ethics Session).                                       | MSBO              | 2     |  |
| <i>Elective</i><br>Any class can be taken in any of the other<br>certification tracks or designates as such.  | SNAM/MDE/<br>MSBO | 3     |  |
| Total = 28 hours  |                   |       |  |

## **Program Details:**

To obtain the Child Nutrition Director (CND) certification, you must complete 61-63 hours within a three year time period. The courses which must be taken to meet the requirements are listed on this page. By completing the outline of courses, participants will also be able to achieve SNA Level I certificate and be well on their way to SNA Level II certification. MDE will recognize district staff meeting the MSBO certification on an annual basis.

To locate and register for courses visit:

www.msbo.org www.michigansna.org

# Select one of the **Communications** courses from the following list:

| Course Title  | Offered by | Hours |  |
|---|------------|-------|--|
| <i>Effective Communications</i><br>Learn techniques and strategies to<br>send clear messages, create credibility,<br>and develop strategic communications<br>programs that are effective for your school<br>district.   | MSBO       | 3     |  |
| Team Leadership<br>Learn how to match your leadership<br>style with the culture of the organization.<br>Matching leadership style to the cultural<br>landscape will allow you to increase your<br>productivity, decrease communication<br>problems and strengthen your conflict<br>management skills. | MSBO       | 3     |  |
| Dealing with Conflict in the Workplace<br>Learn about conflict, how individuals<br>handle it, causes and values, characteristics<br>of conflict resolution styles, and ways to<br>practice more effective skills for listening<br>and building rapport.   | SNAM #143  | 3     |  |
| Total=3 hours   |            |       |  |

#### Select one of the Food Safety courses from the following list:

| Course Title  | Offered by           | Hours |
|---|----------------------|-------|
| Sanitation and Food Safety<br>Understand Michigan Food Law 2007,<br>foodborne illnesses, requirements for<br>providing safe and sanitary equipment, pest<br>prevention, and Hazard Analysis and Critical<br>Control Points. | SNAM #130            | 10    |
| ServSafe®<br>ServSafe® is a food safety certification<br>program sponsored by the National<br>Restaurant Association Education<br>Foundation. It meets local, state, and<br>national certification requirements.            | SNAM #132            | 12    |
|   | Total=10 or 12 hours |       |

## Meal Basics course must be completed

| Course Title   | Offered by | Hours |
|--|------------|-------|
| School Meal Overview Training<br>Overview of a food service program,<br>record keeping of forms and processes for<br>the health department, basic laws with<br>food service, working with the Michigan<br>Department of Education, and a look at a<br>model program in food service. | MDE        | 20    |
| Total=20 hours   |            |       |

Continuing education hours are 90 hours within a fivecalendar-year period.