



SUMMER FEEDING OPTIONS FOR SCHOOLS



Summer break is here, but hunger doesn't take a vacation.

Children need good nutrition, all year long. The **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)**, **National School Lunch Program (NSLP)**, **School Breakfast Program (SBP)**, and the **Seamless Summer Option (SSO)** make it possible for schools to provide nutritious meals, after the regular school year ends.

Seamless Summer Option

Schools participating in the NSLP/SBP are eligible to apply for the SSO.

SSO requires less internal monitoring and follows the same meal pattern as NSLP/SBP, negating the need to change menus or regular school-year operations.

Once the State Agency approves the application, the school can provide meals at no cost to children, including teens up to age 18, in accordance with the rules of the school meal program. Meals are reimbursed at the free rates for school lunches, school breakfasts, and afterschool snacks, which are slightly lower than the SFSP rates.

Administrative Reviews are conducted by the State Agency in the summer following the sponsor's school year Administrative Review.

Summer Food Service Program

The SFSP is ideal if you sponsor enrichment, recreational, or activity programs over the summer. The State Agency reimburses sponsors for free meals served to children, including teenagers through age 18, at approved meal sites in low-income areas.

SFSP allows sponsors to earn the maximum rates of reimbursement for the meals served and use the money as needed to enhance the food program for children.

Administrative Reviews are conducted by the State Agency in the sponsor's first year of operating SFSP and then at least every 3 years

School Lunch & Breakfast

The NSLP and SBP are both available for any school that is hosting an academic summer school.

Academic summer schools that intend to serve meals only to enrolled students follow the same rules and claiming procedures for free, reduced-price, and paid meals that they follow during the regular school year.

Summer school is an additional session for select students who seek or need academic credits for graduation or promotion to the next grade.

For more information and assistance selecting the right option for your school, please visit www.azed.gov/hns/sfsp.