



Illinois State Board of Education



Seamless Summer Option and Summer Food Service Program

Goal of Summer Meals

- The intent of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is to serve nutritious meals during the summer months when school is not in session.
- Millions of children who rely on free and reduce price meals during the school year no longer have access to those meals once schools close for the summer.
- Provide meals to children age 18 and under free of charge.

Importance of Summer Meals

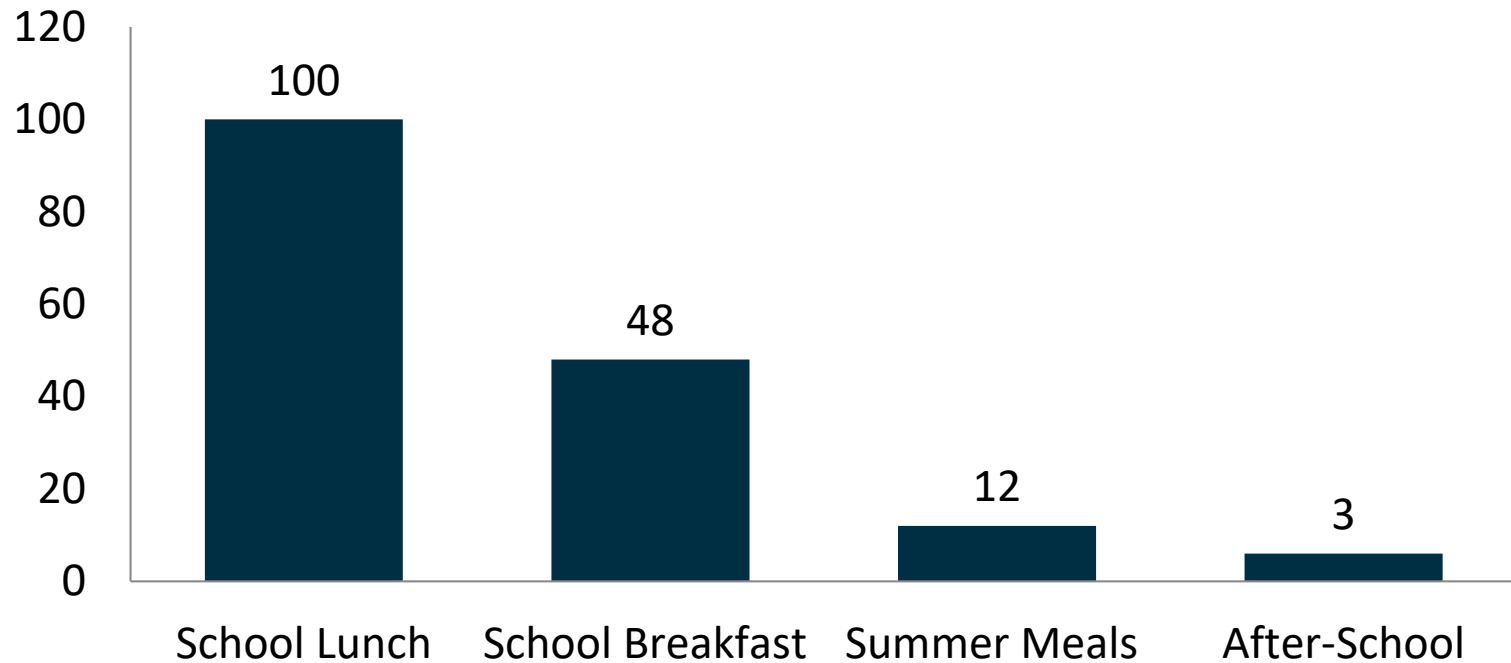
- Millions of children who rely on free and reduced price meals during the school year no longer have access to those meals once schools close for the summer. Summer can be the hungriest time of the year for kids and the most expensive time for parents
- Many of the children who face a nutrition gap when the school year ends also are affected disproportionately by summer learning loss.
- Quality summer programs can help reduce summer learning loss, but are either non-existent or unaffordable for many low-income families. This means such children return to school in the fall academically behind their higher-income peers and struggling to catch up before classes even begin
- Federal summer nutrition programs must provide meals that meet approved nutritional standards, they may mitigate summer weight gain and, in the longer term, make the children less susceptible to chronic diseases and mental illness.



Did you know...

Eligible Children Participating

2017-2018 Participation in Child Nutrition Programs in Illinois`



Illinois Public Act 096-0734

- Effective **August 14, 2007** – All public schools who are conducting an academic or enrichment summer program in a school with a 50% or greater eligibility rate are required to operate an open feeding program in either SSO or SFSP. Schools may opt out of the public act by filing a petition to their Regional Office of Education prior to **January 15** each year



Illinois Public Act 096-0734

Requirements:

- School buildings with 50% or greater eligibility rate as of prior October claim AND
- Operating a summer school or enrichment program
- Must offer breakfast and/or lunch to students for at least the duration of the summer program
- Meal times may be staggered
- Must open their doors and offer meals to children 18 and below from the community.



When can you operate Summer Meals?

- During the traditional summer vacation (May–September)
- Year-round schools may participate during long school vacation periods **10** calendar-days minimum
- During a dismissal due to an unanticipated school closure such as: teacher strike, storm damage, natural disasters etc.



Where can you have your Summer Sites?



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Site Eligibility

- **Open Sites:** Site is located in a needy area where 50 percent or more of the children residing in the area are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals and meals are made available to all children in the area on a first-come, first-serve basis. (Area eligibility, school data, census data)
- **Closed-Enrolled Sites:** These types of sites are open only to enrolled children or to an identified group of children, as opposed to the community at large. Closed enrolled sites must also establish the eligibility either through the individual income eligibility of the children attending the site or through area eligibility
- **Migrant Sites:** Site predominantly serves children of migrant workers. Operates like open sites and are reimbursed for meals served to all attending children-- information obtained from a migrant organization that certifies that the site serves a majority of children of migrant workers. Sites may claim reimbursement for serving up to three meals or two meals and one snack to eligible children each day
- **Camps:** Sponsors can only be reimbursed for meals served to children who are eligible for free or reduced price meals according to the income guidelines for the NSLP and SBP. May claim reimbursement for serving up to three meals or two meals and one snack to eligible children each day



Eligible Meal Types

- Can claim up to two meals per child, per day (unless a camp or migrant site)

ALLOWABLE MEAL COMBINATIONS

Breakfast only

Snack only

Lunch only

Supper only

Lunch and snack

Breakfast and snack

Breakfast and lunch

Supper and snack

Breakfast and supper

Two snacks



What's the Difference?

Seamless Summer Option

- Run under NSLP
- NSLP & SBP Meal Patterns
- Streamlined Administrative Duties & Paperwork
- All Eligible Meals Provided Under SSO Reimbursed at NSLP/SBP Applicable Free Rates
- Commodities- Same as NSLP Rates

Summer Food Service Program

- Separate from NSLP
- Meal Pattern SFSP or NSLP (Sponsor's Choice)
- Greater Amount of Monitoring and Paperwork
- Larger Reimbursement Rates
- Commodities- 1.5 cents per meal

Application Procedures

Seamless Summer Option

- Online annual application
- Budget not required

Summer Food Service Program

- Online annual application
 - New Sponsor Applications are accepted through June 15th every year
- Admin and Operating Budget required to complete only the first year of operation
- Sponsor must complete a Program announcement regarding program times, dates, and eligibility.
- Annual Training Requirement
 - Mandatory in person training for first two years of SFSP Operation

Documenting Meals

Seamless Summer Option

- Point of Service Meal Counts
- Congregate Feeding Requirement
- No Second Meals may be claimed

Summer Food Service Program

- Point of Service Meal Counts
- Congregate Feeding Requirement
- May claim up to 2% of first meals served



Meal Patterns

Seamless Summer Option

- Follow NSLP and SBP Meal Patterns
- 7 CFR 210.10 for NSLP
7 CFR 220.8 for SBP
- Offer vs Serve

Summer Food Service Program

- Must meet 7 CFR 225.16(d) standards
- Have the option to use the NSLP/SBP meal patterns or the SFSP Meal Pattern
- OVS is an option

<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/How-do-they-Compare-CNP-Meal-Patterns.pdf>

Summer Food Service Program Menu Pattern

MEAL	FOOD COMPONENTS	AMOUNT
Breakfast	Fluid Milk ¹	1 cup
	Juice or Fruit or Vegetable	½ cup
	Grain/Bread ²	1 serving
Lunch/Supper	Fluid Milk ¹	1 cup
	Meat/Meat Alternate ³	2 ounces
	Juice or Fruit or Vegetable ⁴ (2 servings)	¾ cup total
	Grain/Bread ²	1 serving
Snack (any two items)	Fluid Milk ¹	1 cup
	Juice or Fruit or Vegetable ⁵	¾ cup
	Meat/Meat Alternate ³	1 ounce
	Grain/Bread ²	1 serving

¹Milk must be served as a beverage, on cereal, or in part for each purpose.

²Refer to Grains/Breads Requirements on following pages.

³Refer to Meat/Meat Alternate Requirements on following pages.

⁴Serve two or more kinds of vegetables and/or fruits or a combination of both. Full-strength fruit or vegetable juice may be counted to meet no more than half of this requirement.

⁵Juice may not be served when milk is served as the only other component.



Seamless Summer Menu Pattern: Key Considerations

- Minimum requirements for meal types to offer for different age groups
- Calorie and Sodium Restrictions
- Vegetable Subgroups
- Weekly juice offering requirements
- Milk Restrictions/Requirements
- Water must be made available

2019 Reimbursement Rates

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Seamless Summer Option*	Non-Severe Need	Severe Need
Breakfast	\$1.79	\$2.14
Illinois Free	\$0.04	\$0.04
	Less than 60% + 6 cents	60% or More + 6 cents
Lunch	\$3.37	\$3.39
Illinois Free	\$0.04	\$0.04
Snack	\$0.91	\$0.91
*Additional 6 cents only available to districts with New Meal Pattern certification		
Summer Food Service Program	Rural or Self-Prep	Vended
Breakfast	\$2.2975	\$2.2550
Lunch	\$4.0325	\$3.9675
Snack	\$0.9525	\$0.9325

*July 1, 2019 NSLP rates will increase for FY20



Example

Westside School District

- ✘ could be one school or multiple schools
- ✘ operating 6 weeks for summer school (30 days)
- ✘ serving breakfast and lunch
- ✘ meals are self-prep

- ✘ total average daily participation is 85
- ✘ total # of meals served - 2,550 (30 days x 85 meals/day)

	Reimbursement				US Foods		Diff incl
	Breakfast	Lunch	Total	Difference	Credit		US Foods
Seamless Summer	5,457.00	8,644.50	\$ 14,101.50		0.3425	\$ 856.25	
Summer Meals	5,858.63	10,282.88	\$ 16,141.50	\$ 2,040.00	0.015	\$ 38.25	\$ 1,145.50

- ✘ total average daily participation is 150
- ✘ total # of meals served - 4,500

	Reimbursement				US Foods		Diff incl
	Breakfast	Lunch	Total	Difference	Credit		US Foods
Seamless Summer	9,630.00	15,255.00	\$ 24,885.00		0.3425	\$ 1,541.25	
Summer Meals	10,338.75	18,146.25	\$ 28,485.00	\$ 3,600.00	0.015	\$ 67.50	\$ 1,991.25

- ✘ total average daily participation is 400
- ✘ total # of meals served - 12,000

	Reimbursement				US Foods		Diff incl
	Breakfast	Lunch	Total	Difference	Credit		US Foods
Seamless Summer	25,680.00	40,680.00	\$ 66,360.00		0.3425	\$ 4,110.00	
Summer Meals	27,570.00	48,390.00	\$ 75,960.00	\$ 9,600.00	0.015	\$ 180.00	\$ 5,310.00



Monitoring Requirements

Seamless Summer Option

- Review of meal counting, claiming and meal pattern compliance **at least once** during each site's operation
- Administrative reviews consistent with NSLP/SBP requirements. Must include one seamless site in each review cycle

Summer Food Service Program

- **Pre-operational** visits before a new site operates the summer program
- Site visits the **first week of operation** (waived for sites that operated successfully the previous summer)
- Site review during **first 4 weeks of operation**, followed by additional monitoring as needed
- Administrative Review performed by ISBE every **3 years**



Ideas for Schools to Promote the Summer Meals Program

- Display posters in the schools
- Robo Calls
- Add a link to your website or newsletter
- Loan a bus to transport the children
- Hold a Health Fair or Back to School Day



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Questions?

