

Public Notice: ISBE Submits Waivers for SFSP

The following waiver requests have been submitted by the Illinois State Board of Education to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for consideration:

First Week Site Visit Requirement – This waiver would remove the requirements that SFSP sponsors, in good standing with ISBE, would need to complete a monitoring visit for all sites within the first week of operation. This waiver addresses First Week Site Visit Requirement at 7 CFR 225.15(d)(2).

Applications for Closed Enrolled Sites Requirement – This waiver would remove the requirement that SFSP sponsors, in good standing with ISBE, be required to collect income eligibility applications to determine that 50 percent of the children are eligible for free and reduced-price meals at Closed Enrolled Sites that are area eligible. This waiver addresses requirements under SFSP Code [42 USC 1761\(a\)\(1\)\(A\)\(i\)\(III\)](#) and SFSP program regulations at [7 CFR 225.15\(f\)](#), that require applications in order to serve SFSP meals at closed enrolled sites that are area eligible.

Offer Versus Serve Requirement – This waiver would remove the SFSP requirement under SFSP Code [42 USC 1761\(f\)\(7\)](#) and program regulations at [7 CFR 225.16\(f\)\(1\)\(ii\)](#), which limit the use of Offer Versus Serve (OVS) to only School Food Authorities. This waiver would afford sponsors in good standing with ISBE to implement OVS for sites participating in the SFSP programs.

Meal Time Restrictions – This waiver would provide flexibility to SFSP sites in good standing with ISBE, to disregard the mealtime restrictions on the time limit for each meal/snack service, and the time restriction associated with supper. This waiver also requests that one hour must elapse between the end of one meal service to the beginning of another. This waiver addresses Meal Time Restriction Requirements under SFSP program regulations 7 CFR 225.16(c)(1) and (c)(2).

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