

Who must operate a summer feeding program?

School Food Authority: Please complete the brief checklist below to determine if the buildings in your district are required to operate a summer feeding program:

1. Is the school building part of a public or private district?
 - Public, proceed to the next question
 - Private, you are **not** required to operate any summer feeding program

2. Will your district be conducting summer school or enrichment programs?
 - Yes, proceed to the next question
 - No, you are **not** required to operate any summer feeding program

3. **If yes**, what is the most recent October free and reduced eligibility rate for the **building** where you will be conducting the summer school program?

[Check eligibility rate:](#)

- 0-49%** -Most recent October free and reduced eligibility rate, **not** required to operate any summer feeding program. (You may choose to feed children enrolled in the summer school program and continue to claim as categorically eligible in the School Breakfast Program, National School Lunch Program and Afterschool Snack Program.)
- 50-100%** -Most recent October free and reduced eligibility rate, **must offer** breakfast and/or lunch to students enrolled in the summer school program and open the meal program to the community* for the duration of the scheduled summer program.

*School buildings with 50% or greater in the most recent October free and reduced eligibility rate must operate a summer feeding program in buildings where summer school is being conducted. To operate a site open to the community the School Food Authority must apply for one of the following programs:

Seamless Summer Option (SSO): Available to schools which operate NSLP during the regular school year. SSO application is added to the existing site application in WINS system. For additional information and instruction for how to complete this application process visit the SSO webpage: www.isbe.net/SSO

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP): Sponsors may opt to participate in the SFSP to meet the meal service requirements for summer meals. For additional information on how to apply and requirements visit the SFSP webpage: www.isbe.net/SFSP