

Seamless Summer Option Basics

Agenda

- Who can operate the Seamless Summer Option (SSO)?
 - Summer Feeding Options
 - Rural Non-Congregate Meals
- Requirements of the SSO
 - Meal Patterns
 - Monitoring and Recordkeeping
 - Meal Counting and Claiming
- How you can apply for the SSO

Glossary of Terms

FNS: Food Nutrition Service

SNP: School Nutrition Programs

OVS: Offer Verses Serve

SBP: School Breakfast Program

SFA: School Food Authority

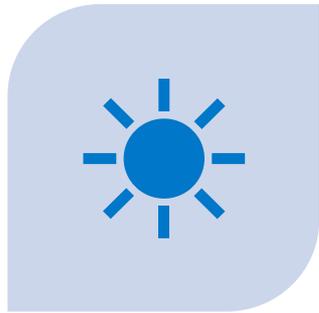
SFSP: Summer Food Service Program

SSO: Seamless Summer Option

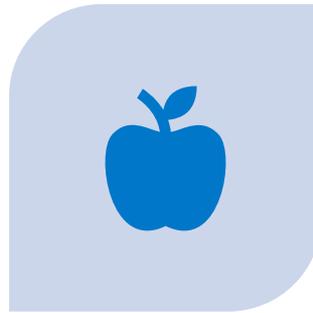
USDA: United States Department of Agriculture

WINS: Web-based Illinois Nutrition System

Summer Feeding Options



SEAMLESS SUMMER
OPTION



SUMMER FOOD
SERVICE PROGRAM



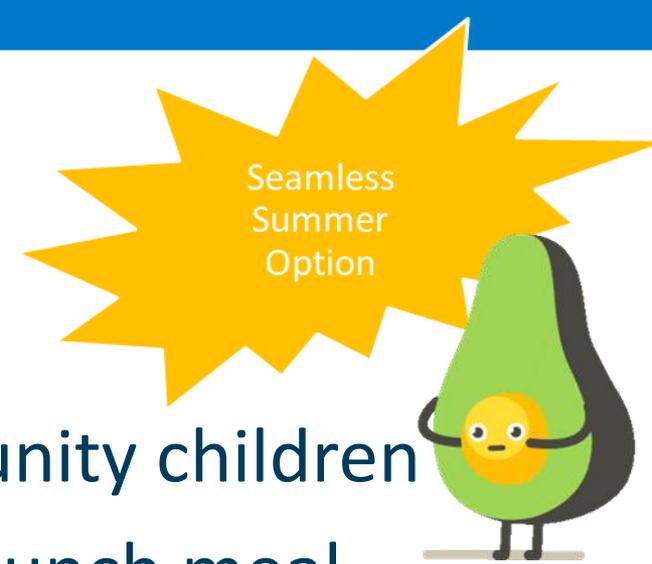
SCHOOL NUTRITION
PROGRAMS

Illinois Public Act 096-0734

- Requirements
 - Schools who are operating a summer school or enrichment program **and** are 50% or higher free and reduced-price eligibility percentage:
 - Must offer breakfast and/or lunch to students
 - Must open their doors and offer meals to children 18 and below from the community
 - *Schools may opt out of the public act by appealing to the Regional Office of Education prior to January 15*
 - [Check your eligibility percentage](#)

Seamless Summer Option

- Operates under the SNP
- Serve summer school and community children
- Follow the School Breakfast and Lunch meal pattern requirements
- Claim all meals as free
 - In areas with at least 50% free and reduced eligibility



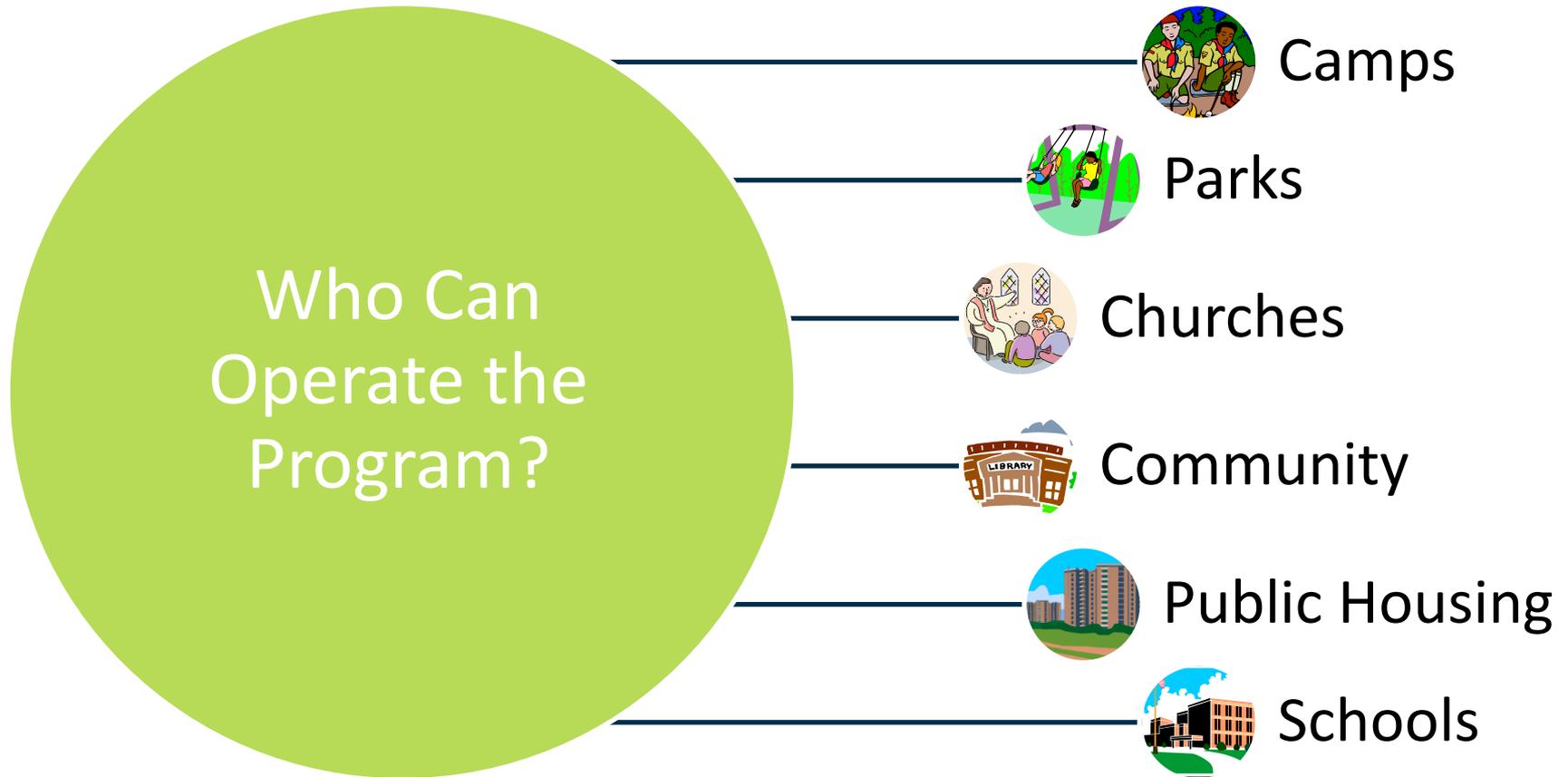
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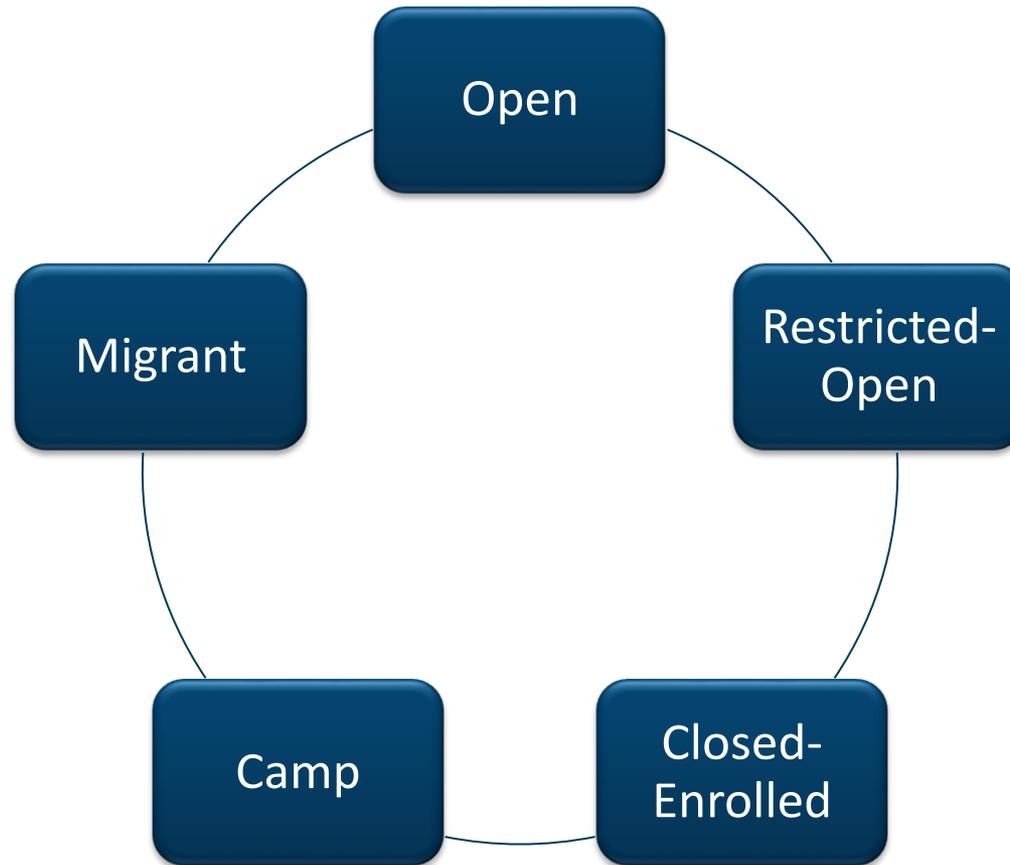
Year-round schools. During long school vacation periods lasting 10 or more calendar days.

**During the traditional summer vacation period.
May through September.**

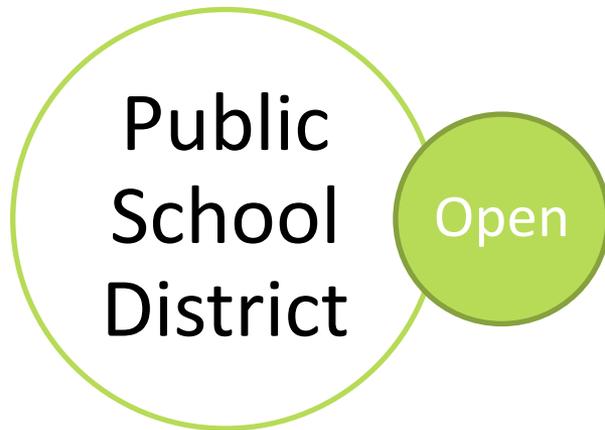
Who Can Operate SSO?



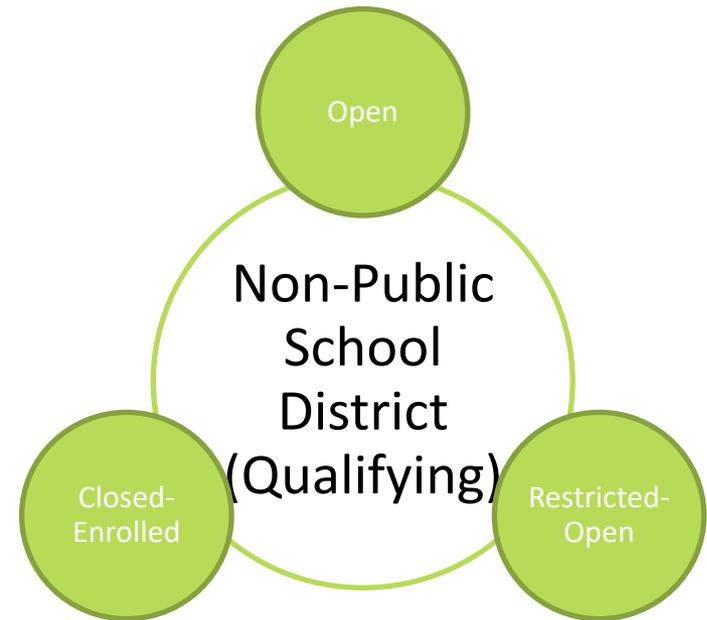
Site Types



What Type of Site Should I Operate?



ALL sites required by Illinois Public Act 096-0734 to operate a summer food program must operate as open sites and may not be closed or restricted to the community



Qualifying non-public school districts may operate any of the site types listed above

Site Eligibility

Open or
Enrolled

- Site/building eligibility is 50% or greater based on:
 - household income applications
 - direct certification
 - October claims for reimbursement or census data

Migrant

- Site has certification by migrant coordinator

Camps

- Site offers food service as part of an organized program for enrolled children
- 3 meals a day require household applications

Non-Congregate Meal Service Overview

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 (P.L. 117-328) established a **permanent** non-congregate meal service

Available to SFSP and SSO operators

Option for rural area with no congregate meal service

Non-Congregate Site Requirements

-Rural

Rural Designation Map

-Sites must not serve an area where children would receive the same meal at an approved congregate meal site, unless it is demonstrated that meal duplication will be avoided

-Sites must serve an area in which poor economic conditions exist or is approved for reimbursement only for meals served free to enrolled children who meet the Program's eligibility standards; and

-Distribute no more than the allowable number of reimbursable meals that would be provided over a 10-calendar day period.

Sponsor Responsibilities

WINS - Seamless
Summer
Questionnaire

Public
Notification

Monitoring

Record
Keeping

Civil Rights

Sponsor Responsibilities: WINS – SSO Questionnaire

MUST SUBMIT PRIOR TO OPERATION OR JUNE 1st WHICHEVER IS FIRST TO CLAIM MEALS FOR REIMBURSEMENT

- Questionnaire is available in WINS as part of each site participation
- Sponsor must submit a site questionnaire for each building operating a Seamless Summer site
- [SSO Application Instructions](#)

WINS -
Seamless
Summer
Questionnaire

Sponsor Responsibilities: Public Notification

Examples:

- Press release to the local media
- Backpack Flyers
- Door hangers
- Menu-notes May
- Website
- Computerized calls
- Email

*Note that if you have two health inspections over the course of the school year this carries over to the Seamless Summer Program.

Public
Notification

Sponsor Responsibilities: Monitoring

Self review each site at least once during the operation for:

- Meal pattern compliance
- Meal counting
- Meal claiming
- Monitoring form
- [SSO Monitoring Form](#)

ISBE review will be done during your NSLP review year

***Always potential for a review, regardless of review year**

Monitoring

Sponsor Responsibilities: Record Keeping

- Food production records
- Meal count forms
- Documentation of program expenses
- Maintain records for the past 3 program years plus the current year

Record
Keeping

Sponsor Responsibilities: Civil Rights

Civil Rights

- Display [And Justice for All poster](#)
- Establish a complaint procedure
- All staff must complete required Civil Rights Training
- Include the non-discrimination statement on program materials

Site Responsibilities



Doors open to the public



Serve reimbursable meals



Count meals at point-of-service



Report meal count to the sponsor or submit claim for reimbursement

Meal Pattern Requirements



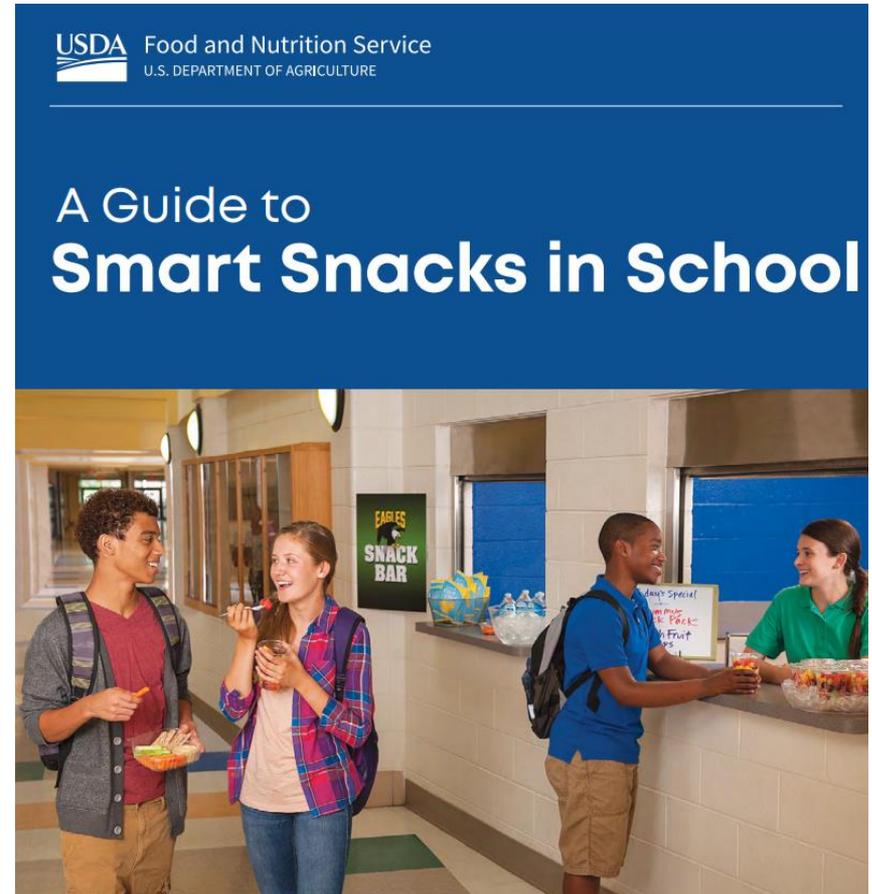
Meal Service

NSLP and SBP rules apply

- *Offer versus Serve* is an option
- Serve one to two meals a day
- Migrant and camp sites can serve one to three meals a day
- Note:
 - Congregate meals offered in SSO are intended to be consumed **onsite**
 - Open sites, staggering meal times for the community, must ensure the same access and availability to meals

Meal Service

- **Smart Snacks** standards are applicable during the summer school day, which is defined as the midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the instructional day. Any food available for sale to students at that time must comply with Smart Snacks requirements



Meal Service Options



Three Options- Select up to two:

- **Breakfast**— before school or beginning of the school day
- **Lunch**— must be served between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- **Snack**— a.m. or p.m.

Breakfast & Snack Menu Plan

Breakfast

- [School Breakfast Program Meal Pattern](#)
- Grade groups
 - K-5
 - 6-8
 - K-8
 - 9-12

Snack

- Sponsor will continue the National School Lunch Program After-School Program menu plan

School Breakfast Program Meal Pattern			
	Grades K-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12
Meal Components	Amount of Food¹ per Week		
	(minimum per day)		
Fruits (cups) ²	5 (1)	5 (1)	5 (1)
Vegetables (cups) ²	0	0	0
Dark Green Subgroup	0	0	0
Red/Orange Subgroup	0	0	0
Beans, Peas, and Lentils Subgroup	0	0	0
Starchy Subgroup	0	0	0
Other Vegetables Subgroup	0	0	0
Grains or Meats/Meat Alternates (oz. eq) ³	7-10 (1)	8-10 (1)	9-10 (1)
Fluid Milk (cups) ⁴	5 (1)	5 (1)	5 (1)
Dietary Specifications: Daily Amount Based on the Average for a 5-Day Week⁵			
Minimum-Maximum Calories (kcal)	350-500	400-550	450-600
Saturated Fat (% of total calories)	<10	<10	<10
Added Sugars (% of total calories)	<10	<10	<10
Sodium Limit: In place through June 30, 2027	≤540 mg	≤600 mg	≤640 mg
Sodium Limit: Must be implemented by July 1, 2027	≤485 mg	≤535 mg	≤570 mg

[Final Rule – Meal Patterns Consistent with the DGAs](#)

Lunch Meal Pattern

National School Lunch Program Meal Pattern

	Grades K-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12
Meal Components	Amount of Food¹ per Week		
	(minimum per day)		
Fruits (cups) ²	2 ½ (½)	2 ½ (½)	5 (1)
Vegetables (cups) ²	3 ¾ (¾)	3 ¾ (¾)	5 (1)
Dark Green Subgroup ³	½	½	½
Red/Orange Subgroup ³	¾	¾	1 ¼
Beans, Peas, and Lentils Subgroup ³	½	½	½
Starchy Subgroup ³	½	½	½
Other Vegetables Subgroup ^{3,4}	½	½	¾
Additional Vegetables from Any Subgroup to Reach Total	1	1	1 ½
Grains (oz. eq.) ⁵	8-9 (1)	8-10 (1)	10-12 (2)
Meats/Meat Alternates (oz. eq.) ⁶	8-10 (1)	9-10 (1)	10-12 (2)
Fluid Milk (cups) ⁷	5 (1)	5 (1)	5 (1)
Dietary Specifications: Daily Amount Based on the Average for a 5-Day Week⁸			
Minimum-Maximum Calories (kcal)	550-650	600-700	750-850
Saturated Fat (% of total calories)	<10	<10	<10
Added Sugars (% of total calories)	<10	<10	<10
Sodium Limit: In place through June 30, 2027	≤1,110 mg	≤1,225 mg	≤1,280 mg
Sodium Limit: Must be implemented by July 1, 2027	≤935 mg	≤1,035 mg	≤1,080 mg

Lunch

- Sponsors are required to follow the [NSLP Meal Pattern](#)
- Grade groups
- K-5
- 6-8
- K-8
- 9-12

Long or Short Week

- Regularly scheduled lengthened or shortened weeks must follow USDA adjusted meal pattern
- [Short & Long Week Meal Pattern](#)

How Much is Charged for Meals?

Meals are
FREE of
charge to

-Children 18 years of age and under from low-income areas or targeted programs

-Individuals over 18 with a state-defined mental or physical disability

Meal Counts

- Each site must take a point-of-service meal count every day
- Record the number of children served a complete first meal. Second meals and incomplete meals are not reimbursable

Do not include meals served to adults in meal count

Program Adults – work directly with the meal service.

Non-Program Adults – do not work in any direct way with the meal service at the site.

Daily Meal Count Form

- [Meal Count Form](#)

SEAMLESS SUMMER OPTION DAILY MEAL COUNT FORM																			
Site Name:					Telephone:					Date:									
Address:																			
Meal Type (circle) : Breakfast					Lunch					AM Snack					PM Snack				
First Meals Served to Children* (cross off number as each child receives a meal):																			
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*Adults meals are NOT eligible for reimbursement

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Claims



Daily meal counts
entered in WINS-
claims



All meals claimed
at free rate

[Reimbursement Rates](#)

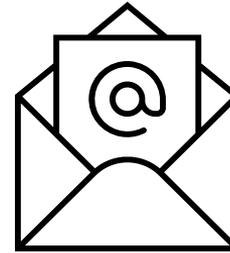
Commodity Entitlement

- Schools receive full commodity entitlement credit for all lunches claimed



Questions?

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