



# Illinois State Board of Education

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## Nutrition and Wellness Division Listserv

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### **Illinois School Meal Mandates - School Year 2015-16**

Hello School Nutrition Program Sponsor -

There are two meal service requirements that we wanted to bring to your attention that may impact your school building next school year and/or this summer.

These mandates do not apply if you are a private school or Residential Child Care Institution.

- School Breakfast
- Summer Breakfast and/or Lunch Food Service

To determine whether or not your site/school is required to operate either of these meal services, refer to your site/school's October 2014 National School Lunch Program claim for reimbursement in WINS and complete the following calculation:

$$\frac{\# \text{ students eligible for free meals} + \# \text{ of students eligible for reduced meals}}{\# \text{ enrolled}}$$

(Add # of students eligible for free meals and # of students eligible for reduced meals, then divide by # enrolled.)

**If the outcome is greater than 40% at this school, you are required to operate a School Breakfast Program in School Year 2015-2016.**

Per Public Act 96-0158, a school district must implement and operate a School Breakfast Program by the first day of the 2015-2016 school year in each school building within its district in which 40 percent or more of the students were eligible for free or reduced-price lunches in October 2014. ISBE administers the federally-funded School Breakfast Program and the state-funded IL Free Breakfast Program to assist you in implementing a successful program and to supplement the cost of providing the program. For additional information on this legislation, including the opt-out provision, go to [http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/hb\\_756.htm](http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/hb_756.htm).

**If the outcome is greater than 50% at this school AND this school operates a summer school program, you are required to offer Summer Breakfast and/or Lunch in Summer 2015.**

Per Public Act 096-0734, a school district must implement and operate a summer breakfast and/or lunch program during the 2015 summer school program in all schools that a) had 50 percent or more of the student population eligible for free or reduced-price meals in October 2014, AND b) operate a summer school program in that building. The school must feed the children in the summer school program and open the doors to the community for children 18 years of age and under. ISBE administers two federal nutrition programs, the National School Lunch Program's Seamless Summer Option and the Summer Food Service Program to assist you in implementing a successful program and to supplement the cost of providing the program. For additional information on this legislation, including general questions regarding implementation and the opt-out provision, go to [http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/summer\\_regs\\_policies.htm](http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/summer_regs_policies.htm).

If you have questions, please contact ISBE's Nutrition and Wellness Programs at 800-545-7892 or [cnp@isbe.net](mailto:cnp@isbe.net).