

ISBE Waiver Submission Process for School Year 2021-2022

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has issued several nationwide waivers that are available to sponsors participating in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Seamless Summer Option, and Child and Adult Care Food Program for School Year 2021-2022. To utilize the waivers, USDA is requesting that sponsors notify the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) of the intent to utilize the waivers. To do this, three separate waiver submission forms are available to sponsors for School Year 2021-2022. The Illinois State Board of Education understands that circumstances may change throughout this school year, and therefore, sponsors may notify ISBE of their intent to use the USDA waivers at any time. Please read each waiver carefully for details and conditions.

- [School Sponsors Waiver No. 1](#): This waiver submission form should only be used if you wish to request any of the following:
 - Onsite Monitoring,
 - NSLP Offer Vs. Serve Grades 9-12,
 - Sodium Target, SSO Meal Pattern Flexibility through Sept. 30, 2021, and
 - Non-congregate/Mealtime/Parent Pickup Flexibility for Remote/Quarantine students ONLY.
- [School Sponsors Waiver No. 2](#): SSO/NSLP/SBP Meal Pattern Flexibility Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, 2021
- [School Sponsors Waiver No. 3](#): Non-congregate/Mealtime/Parent Pickup Flexibility – In-Person students ONLY through Dec. 31, 2021

Any waiver requested should only be used for the time needed, as all sponsors should work towards compliance with all USDA program requirements, operating the school and community nutrition programs as normal.

Sponsors are expected to only apply for waivers if they are truly needed, and any waiver must only be used for the duration that they are needed. Waiver requests should NOT BE submitted hypothetical reasons.

For additional SY 21-22 resources visit the [ISBE School Nutrition Programs Back to School Conference webpage](#). Highlights include:

- [Meal Pattern Waiver Chart for SY 21-22](#)
- [Talk to ISBE Tuesday \(Sept. 21\) webinar registration](#)
- [USDA Q&A for Child Nutrition Program Operations in SY 21-22](#)

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