

CSBA Sample Board Policy

Business and Noninstructional Operations

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SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM

Note: The following **optional** policy is for use by any district that has been approved by the California Department of Education (CDE) to serve as a program sponsor under the federally funded Seamless Summer Feeding Option (SSFO) or Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), pursuant to 42 USC 1761 (as amended by P.L. 111-80) and 7 CFR 225.1-225.20. Both programs are designed to provide meals to children in low-income communities during summer vacation; however, SSFO funding is available only to districts that also participate in the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program (42 USC 1751-1769, 1773).

Pursuant to 7 CFR 225.14, districts participating in SSFO or SFSP must make summer meals available to all children in the community, not just those enrolled in summer school. Districts that offer meals only to students enrolled in summer school and not to other children in the community are not eligible to receive reimbursements under SSFO or SFSP, but may continue to provide meals through the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program.

The Governing Board recognizes that child nutrition programs have a positive and direct impact upon children's well-being and achievement. To help students and other children in the community remain well nourished throughout the summer vacation, the district shall sponsor a summer meal program as approved by the California Department of Education (CDE).

(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)

Note: The following **optional** paragraph is for use by districts that maintain one or more schools on a year-round schedule. Pursuant to 42 USC 1761, the SSFO and SFSP may provide meals at off-session/off-track times of the year for schools on a continuous school calendar. According to the CDE's [Frequently Asked Questions](#), under the SSFO, schools on a year-round schedule may be approved to serve meals during breaks of at least 10 school days. For purposes of the SFSP, 7 CFR 225.2 defines a "continuous school year" as having vacation periods of 15 continuous school days or more during the period from October through April.

The district may apply to the CDE to provide meals to children during any extended break in a year-round school schedule. (42 USC 1761; 7 CFR 225.2, 225.6, 225.14)

(cf. 6117 - Year-Round Schedules)

Between October and April, or at any time of year for a school on a year-round schedule, the district may serve meals at a nonschool site in cases of unanticipated school closures, such as a natural disaster, unscheduled major building repair, court order related to school safety or other issues, labor-management dispute, or similar cause as approved by the CDE. (42 USC 1761; 7 CFR 225.6)

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Note: Both the SSFO and SFSP contain criteria for choosing locations to operate a summer meal program; see the accompanying administrative regulation. Meal service must not begin prior to receiving CDE approval of the site.

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend to the Board one or more sites for meal services based on state and federal program criteria and an assessment of family and community needs. When feasible, the Superintendent or designee shall involve local governmental agencies, food banks, and/or community organizations in identifying suitable site locations. The site(s) shall be approved the CDE before meal service is initiated.

Note: The following paragraph is **optional**. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's The Summer Food Service Program: Food That's In When School is Out, 2010 Administrative Guidance for Sponsors encourages sponsors to select sites or design programs to offer other organized activities that attract children to the summer meal program.

The summer meal program may be offered in conjunction with educational enrichment or recreational activities in order to encourage participation in other wellness and learning opportunities.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)
(cf. 1330.1 - Joint Use Agreements)
(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)
(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)
(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)
(cf. 6177 - Summer School)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and coordinate outreach and promotional activities to inform parents/guardians and the community about the availability of the summer meal program and its location(s) and hours.

(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)
(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)
(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

Note: Districts participating in either the SSFO or SFSP must submit reimbursement claims through the CDE's online Child Nutrition Information and Payment System.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain accurate records of all meals served and shall ensure the timely submission of reimbursement claims in accordance with state procedures.

(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board regarding program implementation, number of participants at each site, feedback from participating children and their parents/guardians regarding menus and service, and program costs. As needed, the

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Board shall direct the Superintendent or designee to identify program modifications to increase program quality or children's access to meal services.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE

49430-49436 Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001

49490-49494 School breakfast and lunch programs

49500-49505 School meals

49510-49520 Nutrition

49530-49536 Child Nutrition Act

49547-49548.3 Comprehensive nutrition services

49550-49562 Meals for needy students

49570 National School Lunch Act

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15510 Mandatory meals for needy students

15550-15565 School lunch and breakfast programs

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1751-1769i School lunch programs, including:

1751 Note Local wellness policy

1761 Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Feeding Option

1771-1792 Child nutrition, especially:

1773 School breakfast program

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

210.1-210.31 National School Lunch Program

220.1-220.22 National School Breakfast Program

225.1-225.20 Summer Food Service Program

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Providing Access to Nutritious Meals During Summer, Policy Brief, June 2010

Monitoring for Success: Student Wellness Policy Implementation Monitoring Report and Guide, 2007

Student Wellness: A Healthy Food and Physical Activity Policy Resource Guide, rev. April 2006

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MANAGEMENT BULLETINS

USDA-SFSP-06-2008 Summer Food Service Program Outreach Requirement Clarification, October 2008

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PUBLICATIONS

The Summer Food Service Program: Food That's In When School is Out, 2010, Nutrition Guidance for Sponsors, rev. March 2010

The Summer Food Service Program: Food That's In When School is Out, 2010 Monitor's Guide, rev. January 2010

The Summer Food Service Program: Food That's In When School is Out, 2010 Site Supervisor's Guide, rev. January 2010

Management Resources: (continued on next page)

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Management Resources: (continued)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PUBLICATIONS (continued)

The Summer Food Service Program: Food That's In When School is Out, 2010 Administrative Guidance for Sponsors, rev. December 2009

National School Lunch Program's Seamless Summer Option Questions and Answers, 2009

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Center for Research on Women and Families, Summer Meal Program Coalition: <http://www.ccrwf.org>

California Department of Education, Nutrition: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu>

California Food Policy Advocates: <http://www.cfpa.net>

California School Nutrition Association: <http://www.calsna.org>

Child Nutrition Information and Payment System: <https://www.cnips.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service: <http://www.fns.usda.gov>

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Site Selection

Note: The following section is for use by districts that participate in either the SSFO or SFSP.

In identifying locations where summer meals may be provided, the Superintendent or designee shall document site eligibility according to the following criteria: (7 CFR 225.2, 225.15)

1. **Open Site:** The site provides meals to all children in the area and is located at a school or nonschool site within the geographical boundaries of a school attendance area where at least 50 percent of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

2. **Restricted Open Site:** The site initially meets the criteria of an "open site," but the district must restrict or limit participation on a first-come, first-served basis due to security, safety, or control concerns.
3. **Closed Enrolled Site:** The site is open only to children enrolled in a specific program or activity, as opposed to the community at large, and at least 50 percent of the enrolled children at the site are eligible for free or reduced price school meals, as determined by approval of applications in accordance with 7 CFR 225.15(f).

Note: The following **optional** paragraph is for use by districts that offer meals during summer school session. 7 CFR 225.14 requires such districts to make summer meals available to all children in the community, not just those enrolled in summer school. Districts that offer meals only to students enrolled in summer school and not to other children in the community are not eligible to receive reimbursements under SSFO or SFSP, but may continue to provide meals through the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program (42 USC 1751-1769h, 1773; 7 CFR 210.1-210.31, 220.1-220.21).

Whenever the district offers the summer meal program at a site that provides summer school sessions, it shall ensure that the site is open to students enrolled in summer school and to all children residing in the area served by the site. (7 CFR 225.14)

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(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)
(cf. 6177 - Summer School)

Meal Service

Note: The following section is for use by districts that participate in either the SSFO or SFSP. The district may revise the following paragraph to reflect meals provided by the district.

In accordance with the district's agreement with the California Department of Education (CDE), the summer meal program may offer breakfast, morning snack, lunch, afternoon snack, and/or supper. The program may provide up to two meals/snacks per day in any combination, except that lunch and supper shall not be provided by the same site on the same day. Sites that primarily serve children from migrant families may apply to serve up to three meals, or two meals and one snack, per day. All meals/snacks shall be provided within the time periods specified in 7 CFR 225.16. (42 USC 1761; 7 CFR 225.16)

(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

Meals provided through the district's summer meal program shall be available at no cost to: (42 USC 1761; 7 CFR 225.2)

1. Children age 18 or younger
2. Persons over age 18 who meet the CDE's definition of having a physical or mental disability and who are participating in a public or nonprofit private school program established for individuals with a disability

(cf. 6164.4 - Identification of Individuals for Special Education)

Note: The following paragraph is **optional**. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) The Summer Food Service Program: Food That's In When School is Out, 2010 Administrative Guidance for Sponsors encourages sponsors to designate a site supervisor for each site, as specified below.

The Superintendent or designee shall designate a person at each participating site to serve as the program's site supervisor. The site supervisor shall oversee the order or preparation of meals, ensure the site is cleaned before and after the meal, and record the number of complete meals served to eligible children each day.

Additional Requirements for Seamless Summer Feeding Option

Note: In addition to the requirements in the "Site Selection" and "Meal Service" sections above, districts participating in SSFO are subject to the requirements in the following **optional** section. Districts that participate in SSFO also participate in the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program (42 USC 1751-1769, 1773) and have one agreement with the CDE for their entire food services operation.

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All meals offered through the summer meal program shall meet menu planning requirements for the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program pursuant to 7 CFR 210.10 or 7 CFR 220.8. (42 USC 1761)

(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)
(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)

Note: The following **optional** paragraph should be revised to reflect district practice. As part of the application process, districts applying to participate in the SSFO and operate an open site are required to describe how each site will advertise the availability of meal services to children in the community. The CDE's web site specifies that districts must have a large banner or marquee demonstrating that the meal service is available to all children in the community. Additional sample outreach materials, including a flyer translated into multiple languages, a poster, and a template letter for web sites, are available through the CDE.

According to the CDE's Frequently Asked Questions, the district should maintain documentation, such as copies of advertisements, flyers, or radio or TV announcements, so that the advertising method can be confirmed during a CDE review.

Whenever the district operates an open site as defined in the section entitled "Site Selection" above, the Superintendent or designee shall advertise the availability of summer meal services to the neighborhood community. A large banner or marquee shall be prominently displayed at each site before and during the meal service. Other outreach strategies may include, but are not limited to, sending a news release to the local media, distributing a flyer to parents/guardians of district students, posting information on the district or school web sites, and placing posters throughout the community.

(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)
(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)
(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

Note: Meals provided through the SSFO are reimbursed at the same rate applicable to free meals served through the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program. Reimbursement claims for meals served through the SSFO must be submitted through the CDE's online Child Nutrition Information and Payment System as part of the district's National School Lunch or Breakfast Program claim.

At the point of service, on-site staff shall count the number of eligible meals served. Reimbursement claims shall be submitted using the same procedure used during the school year for the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program.

Note: According to the USDA's National School Lunch Program's Seamless Summer Option Questions and Answers, each SSFO site must be locally reviewed at least once each year unless this requirement is waived by the CDE. The site monitoring review should be completed using a form available from the CDE. State review of local SSFO programs occurs every five years during the CDE's Coordinated Review Effort process.

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Each year the Superintendent or designee shall conduct at least one review of each site to ensure its compliance with meal counting, claiming, menu planning, and food safety requirements. For newly established sites, such reviews shall be conducted within three weeks of the start of operation.

Additional Requirements for Summer Food Service Program

Note: In addition to the requirements in the "Site Selection" and "Meal Service" sections above, districts participating in SFSP are subject to the requirements in the following **optional** section. The SFSP requires annual approval of the program from the CDE.

The district shall annually submit to the CDE a program application and budget for anticipated operational and administrative costs.

Note: 7 CFR 225.15 requires districts that sponsor open sites, as defined in item #1 in the section entitled "Site Selection" above, to send a notice to the media publicizing the availability of the program. A sample news release is available in the USDA's The Summer Food Service Program: Food That's In When School is Out, 2010 Administrative Guidance for Sponsors.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually send a notice to the media serving the area from which the district draws its attendance regarding the availability of free meals. (7 CFR 225.15)

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

Note: According to the USDA's 2010 Administrative Guidance for Sponsors, in addition to the media notice described above, the district is required to take the actions specified in items #1-4 below to inform the community about the program.

In addition, the district and each open site shall:

1. Make program information available to the public upon request
2. Make reasonable efforts to provide information in the appropriate translation concerning the availability and nutritional benefits of the program
3. Display, in a prominent place at the site and in the district office, the nondiscrimination poster developed or approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service
4. Include the nondiscrimination statement and instructions for filing a complaint in the public release and in any program information directed to parents/guardians of participants and potential participants

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(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

Note: CDE Management Bulletin USDA-SFSP-06-2008 states that sponsors of open sites are also required to post signage as provided in item #5 below.

5. Post signage, such as a banner, marquee, poster, or other large display on the exterior of the building facing the street nearest the entrance of the meal service area at each site, before the meal service begins and throughout the service time

All meals offered through the summer meal program shall meet U.S. Department of Agriculture minimum meal patterns as specified in 7 CFR 225.16 or the meal patterns required for the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs. (42 USC 1761; 7 CFR 225.16)

(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)

(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)

The Superintendent or designee shall submit to the CDE monthly reimbursement claims based on the number of eligible meals served.

Note: 42 USC 1761 and 7 CFR 225.15 and 225.7 require the district to provide training for program administrative and site personnel as provided below. In addition, administrative personnel must participate in mandatory training conducted by the CDE each year before the CDE will approve the SFSP agreement.

Program administrative personnel shall annually attend mandatory training provided by the CDE. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall annually hold program training sessions for administrative and site personnel and shall allow no site to operate until personnel have attended at least one of these training sessions. Training of site personnel shall include, but not be limited to, the purpose of the program, site eligibility, record keeping, site operations, meal pattern requirements, and the duties of a program monitor. The Superintendent or designee shall provide training throughout the summer to ensure that administrative personnel are thoroughly knowledgeable in all required areas of program administration and operation and are provided with sufficient information to carry out their program responsibilities. Each site shall have present at each meal service at least one person who has received this training. (42 USC 1761; 7 CFR 225.15, 225.7)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

Note: In addition to the self-reviews required by 7 CFR 225.15 as described below, districts are subject to reviews by the CDE at least once every three years, and more frequently under some circumstances, in accordance with 7 CFR 225.7.

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The Superintendent or designee shall monitor program operations by conducting site visits prior to opening a new site, during the first week of operation, during the first four weeks of operation, and then at a reasonable level thereafter. (7 CFR 225.15)

The Superintendent or designee shall retain all records pertaining to the program for a period of three years after the end of the fiscal year to which they pertain. (7 CFR 225.6, 225.15)

(cf. 3580 - District Records)