

Program Comparison: National School Lunch Program (NSLP)/School Breakfast Program (SBP); Summer Food Service Program (SFSP); Seamless Summer Option (SSO)

The purpose of this comparison chart is to assist School Food Authorities (SFAs) and organizations when choosing between the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)/School Breakfast Program (SBP), Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for summer 2021 and school year 2021-2022. The chart includes specific areas of program operations that have been waived by federal waivers.

For school year 2021-2022: due to federal waivers, SFAs may choose to operate SSO. The operation of SSO allows SFAs to provide meals to children at no charge. SSO follows the NSLP/SBP meal pattern. SFAs choosing to operate SSO must meet all required NSLP regulations.

*The only time a regulation may not apply is when a federal (or state) waiver is issued and ODE CNP opts in to the waiver.

Regular program requirements – not italicized; waivers are italicized

| Topic | SFSP | NSLP/SBP | SSO |
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| Eligible Sponsors | SFAs, Local government agencies, Private non-profit organizations, Universities or Colleges, Community & faith-based organizations. SFAs are waived of the requirement to demonstrate financial and administrative capability for program operations. *For school year 2021-2022, SFSP may only be operated during the summer months | SFAs | SFAs currently administering the NSLP and/or SBP |
| Times of Operation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May – September for traditional school calendar areas, • October-April during unanticipated school closures (i.e. emergencies) Waiver 59 | When school is in session as established by the school district, including summer school | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May – September for traditional school calendar areas • October-April during unanticipated school closures (i.e. emergencies) Waiver 85 |

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| | <p><i>allowing SFSP operation during school year expires 6/30/2021 or when 2020-21 school session ends.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During student vacations of 15 days or more for schools on a continuous year calendar | | <p><i>extends operation of SSO through June 30, 2022</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During student vacations of 10 days or more for schools on a continuous year calendar |
| Meal Service Locations | Schools, camps, churches, community centers, housing projects, libraries, migrant centers, parks, playgrounds, pools and other public sites where children gather. | Schools, Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCIs) | Same as SFSP |
| Meal Cost to Children | All meals are free (Although camps are only reimbursed for children who qualify for free or reduced-price meals, camp sponsors may and usually do provide meals free of charge to all children.) | Meal cost and reimbursement is based on student's free, reduced price and paid eligibility | <i>All meals are at no cost to the participant.</i> |
| Establishing Site Eligibility | Open sites: In the attendance area of a school or in a geographic area defined by census data where 50% or more of the children qualify for free or reduced-price school meals, and open to the community. Waiver 77 waives requirement for Summer 2021 operations | Schools: Public and private non-profit schools of high school grade and under that are part of the State's education system. RCCIs: Public and licensed, non-profit, private. | Same as SFSP <i>Under Waiver 85, any school may participate in SSO regardless of the surrounding community income level for School year 2022</i> <i>SP 4 - 2021 Q&A allowed RCCIs to operate SFSP and SSO through School Year 2020-21.</i> |

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| | <p>Enrolled sites: 50 percent or more of enrolled children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, determined by approved application, or operate in an eligible area. Waiver 80 waives requirement for Summer 2021 operations.</p> <p>Migrant sites: Certification by a migrant organization that the sites serve children of migrant farm workers.</p> <p>Camps: Offer a regularly scheduled food service as part of an organized program for enrolled children.</p> <p>*As applicable, alternative forms of data may be used to establish site eligibility, including Special provision data under NSLP/SBP and Census data.</p> | | |
| Type of Meals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast • Lunch • Snack (AM or PM) • Supper | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast • Lunch • Afterschool Snack | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast • Lunch • Snack (AM or PM) • Supper |
| Maximum Number of Meals | <p>2 meals at most sites 3 meals for migrant sites and camps *Lunch and Supper cannot be reimbursed for the same day by</p> | <p>Breakfast Lunch Afterschool Snack</p> | <p>Same as SFSP SP01-2021 Q&A allowed SFSP and SSO to participate in NSLP Snack for School Year 2020-21</p> |

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| | the same site, except for camp and migrant sites | | |
| Meal Service time Requirements | Three hours between the beginning of one meal service and the beginning of the next. 4 hours between lunch and Supper when no snack offered. Supper may start no later than 7:00 PM. Maximum duration of meal service: 1 hour for breakfast and snack; 2 hours for lunch/supper. - Waiver 78 waives meal time requirements during summer service through September 30, 2021 | Breakfast must be served in the morning hours. Lunch must be served between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM Waiver 88 waives meal time requirements; expires June 30, 2022 | Breakfast must be served in the morning hours. Lunch must be served between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM Snacks must be evenly and adequately spaced between other meal service time; supper meal times must be established for each site Waiver 88 waives meal time requirements; expires June 30, 2022 |
| Meal Service Setting | Group Setting Waiver 75 allows non-congregate meal service through 9/30/2021 or school year begins. | Group setting Wavier 87 allows non-congregate meal service; expires June 30, 2022 | Group setting Wavier 87 allows non-congregate meal service; expires June 30, 2022 |
| Commodities | 1.5 cents per meal, may also receive bonus commodities, as available in accordance with statute | Rate per lunch for year. may also receive bonus commodities, as available in accordance with statute | Same as NSLP |
| Reimbursement Rates | Per meal based on Self-prep or rural and All other site types | Per meal, paid, free and reduced price Lunch receives performance cash assistance per meal. Waiver 93 allows afterschool snack at any site to be | Per meal at NSLP/SBP Free rate Lunch and Supper receive performance cash assistance per meal. <i>Per meal at the SFSP rates for SY 2022. SFSP rate change in January Wavier 86.</i> |

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| | | <i>reimbursed at free rate 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022</i> | |
| Reimbursement Method | SFSP sponsors receive the maximum reimbursement (meals times rate) without regard to their actual or budgeted costs. Sponsors may use reimbursements to pay for any allowable program costs. Camps are reimbursed only for meals served to eligible children. | Total meals by type times the free, reduced-price or paid rate for each meal type. Extra \$.02 per lunch if 60 percent or more of lunches in second preceding year were free or reduced-price. Additional payments for free or reduced –price breakfasts in severe need schools where 40 percent or more of lunches in second preceding year were free or reduced-price. | Total meals by type times NSLP/SBP Free rate <i>Total meals by type times SFSP Rate for meal type.</i> Wavier 86 |
| State Funding | \$0.05 per breakfast and lunch meal reimbursed between May and September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0.30 per reduced price breakfast claimed • \$0.40 per reduced price lunch claimed • Community Eligibility Provision Incentive (CEPI) Federal free rate less Paid rate for Paid meals up to 90% free level for breakfast and lunch. • Expanded Income Guidelines (EIG) Federal free rate less the paid rate for breakfast and lunch to students with household incomes between 185 and up to 300% of federal poverty level. | \$0.05 per breakfast and lunch meal reimbursed between May and September |

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| <p>Required Monitoring by SFA/ Sponsors</p> | <p>Pre-operational visit before a new or problem site operates the summer program. Site visits the first week of operation. Wavier 81 waives the first week visit for operators successful in previous year. Expires 9/30/2021. Site review during first four weeks of operation, followed by additional monitoring as needed. Waiver 42 allows desk audit in lieu of onsite visit Expires 9/30/2021</p> | <p>On site review of lunch counting and claiming system for each school by February 1 each year. Waiver 94 allows desk audit in lieu of onsite visit. Expires 30 days after health emergency declaration ends</p> | <p>Review of meal counting, claiming and meal pattern, and food safety compliance at least once during each site’s operation. Waiver 94 allows desk audit in lieu of onsite visit. Expires 30 days after health emergency declaration ends.</p> |
| <p>Required Monitoring by State Agency</p> | <p>Review every three years; more frequently based on program size and prior problems identified by the state agency</p> | <p>Review every four years or more if there is an on-going audit. Waiver 94 offers flexibility to state agency. Expires 30 days after health emergency declaration ends</p> | <p>Review at least on SSO site in operation at all SFAs scheduled for an administrative review. The review may be conducted the summer prior to or following the scheduled administrative review</p> |
| <p>Meal Pattern</p> | <p>Meal pattern meet 7 CFR 225.16(d) standards, though SFAs may substitute the NSLP/SBP meal pattern Waiver 74 offers meal pattern flexibilities on case by case basis during summer operations through June 30, 2021</p> | <p>Must meet requirements for NSLP in 7 CFR 210.10 or SBP in 7 CFR 220.8 Wavier 90 for SY 2022: Sodium, milk variety, low fat flavored milk, Vegetable Subgroups, Whole grain rich, age/grade group menu planning by sponsor application to SA</p> | <p>Same as NSLP/SBP* * Additional flexibilities granted in specific circumstances: Refer to policy SP-39-2014. “Questions and Answers for the Nation School Lunch Program’s Seamless Summer Option.” Waiver 90 extended to SSO</p> |
| <p>Offer versus Serve (OVS)</p> | <p>Optional for all SFSP sites</p> | <p>Optional for all grade levels for breakfast and required at high school level for lunch</p> | <p>Optional but if elect to use, must follow OVS requirements for NSLP and SBP. Waiver 92</p> |

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| | <i>Waiver 79 offers flexibilities in OVS through September 30, 2021 for summer operation</i> | <i>Wavier 92 waives the OVS requirement at Lunch for High school students in SY 2022</i> | |
| Eligible Participants | <p>Persons 18 years or younger and persons 19 years or older with a physical or mental disability as defined by the state AND who participates during the school year in a public or private non-profit school program</p> <p><i>Parent/guardian pick-up permitted through Wavier 76 until 9/30/2021 or school year begins.</i></p> | <p>Students enrolled in a school of high school grade and under determined by the State Agency; include persons enrolled in a school program for the mentally or physically disabled; and persons under 21 enrolled in an RCCI.</p> <p><i>Waiver 89 allows parents and Guardians to pick-up meals for children. Expires June 30, 2022</i></p> | <p>Same as NSLP and SBP Waiver 89 allows parents and Guardians to pick-up meals for children. Expires June 30, 2022</p> |

Meal Rates

| | SFSP 1/2021 – 12/2021 | | SSO (NSLP) 7/2020-6/2021 | | SSO (SBP) 7/2020-6/2021 | |
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| | Rural/Self op | All others | Regular | Additional \$.02 | Regular | Severe Need |
| Breakfast | \$2.4625 | \$2.4150 | | | \$1.89 | \$2.26 |
| Lunch | \$4.3175 | \$4.25 | \$3.51 | \$3.53 | | |
| USDA Foods | \$.015 | \$.015 | \$.245 | \$.245 | | |
| Performance Assistance | | | \$.07 | \$.07 | | |
| Snack | \$1.20 | \$.9975 | \$.96 | \$.96 | | |
| Supper | \$4.3175 | \$4.25 | \$3.51 | \$3.53 | | |

| | NSLP 7/2020-6/2021 | | SBP 7/2020-6/2021 | | Afterschool Snacks |
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| | Regular | Additional \$.02 | Regular | Severe Need | |
| Paid | \$0.33 | \$0.35 | \$0.32 | \$0.32 | \$0.08 |
| Free | \$3.51 | \$3.53 | \$1.89 | \$2.26 | \$.96 |
| Reduced Price | \$3.11 | \$3.13 | | | \$0.48 |
| USDA Foods | \$.37* | \$.37* | | | |
| Performance Assistance | \$.07 | \$.07 | | | |
| Reduced price State | \$0.40 | \$0.40 | \$0.30 | \$0.30 | |
| CEPI State ¹ | \$3.18 | \$3.18 | \$1.57 | \$1.94 | |
| EIG ² | \$3.18 | \$3.18 | \$1.57 | \$1.94 | |

*USDA Foods (commodity) assistance rate includes base rate of \$.245 per lunch plus 12 percent addition for total rate of \$.37 per lunch.

1. On Paid meals up to 90 percent free claiming
2. For Paid meals served to student certified as EIG – household income greater than 185 percent, up to 300 percent of federal poverty level