

Serving Meals During Summer Months: SFSP versus SSO versus NSLP

Topic	Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
Establishing Site Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The school in the service area is at or above 50% free and reduced eligible based on the most recent ED534 report. - If the school is below 50% free and reduced eligible based on the most recent ED534 report, but the site is currently in the pink census track area according to the USDA map, then the service area qualifies. Map: https://www.fns.usda.gov/area-eligibility. - For CEP Schools: Individual school data is obtained by multiplying the most current school-level identified student percentage by a factor of 1.6. - <u>Enrolled Sites</u>: 50% or more of enrolled children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, determined by approved free/reduced application, or operate in an eligible area (academic summer school must be an open site if eligible). - <u>Camps</u>: Offer a regularly scheduled food service as part of an organized program for enrolled children. - <u>Migrant sites</u>: Certification by a migrant organization that the sites serve children of migrant farm workers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is for School Food Authorities only. - Eligibility is established the same as SFSP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is for School Food Authorities only. - This is for enrolled academic summer school students. - This is an option for sites that do not meet area eligibility requirements for SFSP or SSO. - For public schools, meals served through NSLP are served to children at no charge through the universal meals law.

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Application Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In CNPweb through the SFSP section. - Contact Child Nutrition at the DOE for guidance. - Eligible sites can be added any time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In CNPweb through the SNP section. - Contact Child Nutrition at the DOE for guidance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In CNPweb through the SNP section. - This application can be for the entire upcoming year. - Contact Child Nutrition at the DOE for guidance.
Meal Pattern	SFSP Meal Pattern	SBP/NSLP/Afterschool Snack	SBP/NSLP/Afterschool Snack
Number and Types of Meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Up to 2 meal types per day except lunch and supper combined. - Up to 3 meal types per day for migrant sites and camps. - Types: Breakfast, lunch, snack (AM or PM), supper 	Same as SFSP	Breakfast, Lunch, and Afterschool Snack can be served.
Reimbursement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All meals served to children 18 and under in eligible areas can be claimed. - SFSP rates https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/programs/sfsp - SFSP rates are effective January – December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SBP/NSLP/Snack free rates for breakfast, lunch, and snack. - SBP/NSLP/Snack rates https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/financial/guidelines - Rates are effective July – June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meals are claimed by individual status (Free/Reduced/Paid). - SBP/NSLP/Snack rates https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/financial/guidelines - Rates are effective July – June
Meal Service Locations	Schools, Camps, Churches, Community Centers, Housing Projects, Libraries, Migrant Centers, parks, Playgrounds, Pools, and Other public sites where children gather.	Same as SFSP	Schools, Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCIs)
Eligible Participants	Anyone 18 or younger and persons 19 or older with a physical or mental disability, as defined by the State.	Same as NSLP	Students must be enrolled in academic summer school.

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Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tick sheet method. - Each site must have one tick sheet per day per meal served. Make sure sheets are <u>dated</u> and <u>labeled with meal type and service time</u>. - Save documentation. 	Same as SFSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current school year meal benefit applications used. - Point of Service accountability by student. - Meals claimed by individual status (Free/Reduced/Paid). - Save eligibility and Point of Service documentation.
Claims for Reimbursement	In CNPweb under the SFSP Module.	In CNPweb under the SNP Module.	In CNPweb under the SNP Module.