



Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Fact Sheet

What is it?

The Seamless Summer Option combines features of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). This option reduces paperwork and administrative burden, making it easier to feed children from low-income areas during the traditional summer vacation periods.

How does this program work?

Once approved, school districts serve meals free of charge to all children, 18 years and under, from low-income areas. The same NSLP and SBP rules apply for meal service. Meals served are reimbursed at the NSLP/SBP Federal "free" rates.

Who can apply to participate in the Seamless Summer Option?

School districts participating in the NSLP and/or SBP are eligible to apply for the Seamless Summer Option. The types of sites allowed to participate in this option include:

- **Open sites:** all children eat free in communities where at least 50% of the children are eligible for free/reduced price meals.
- **Restricted open sites:** sites that meet the open site criteria, explained above, but are later restricted for safety, control or security reasons.
- **Closed enrolled sites:** may be in any community for an enrolled group of low-income children and meets the 50% criteria explained above. This excludes academic summer schools.
- **Migrant sites:** serving children of migrant families.
- **Camps:** residential or non-residential

What qualifies a student as eligible to participate?

All persons in the community who are 18 years of age and under and those persons over age 18 who meet the State agency definition of mentally or physically disabled may receive meals under the seamless summer option.

What are the program requirements?

Each site must be monitored and evaluated by the sponsor at least once during the site's operation. The SFA must review the site's compliance with meal counting, claiming, menu planning and food safety requirements.

What records must be kept?

- Production Records
- Menus
- Daily meal counts
- On-site review Form #68