

SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITIES: Choosing and Operating a Program 2021-22

NSLP or SSO

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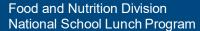
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ALLOWABILITY

Per Waiver, COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #85,

Nationwide Waiver to Allow the Seamless Summer Option through School year 2021-2022:

Establishes that the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Seamless Summer Option (SSO)may operate when school is open during the regular school year through June 30, 2022.



ALLOWABILITY

Per Waiver, COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response #86,

Nationwide Waiver to Allow Summer Food Service Program Reimbursement Rates in School Year 2021-2022:

Nationwide waiver allows SFAs to claim National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (SSO) meals and snacks at the applicable Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) reimbursement rates in school year 2021-2022.





Per COVID-19, Waiver #86, SFAs operating SSO will receive the higher SFSP Rate

			Administrative Rates	Total
	Breakfast	2.24	0.2225	2.4625
	Lunch/Supper	3.91	0.4075	4.3175
	Supplements	0.91	0.11	1.02

SFA's Choice

A decision to serve breakfast and lunch through SBP and NSLP or through SSO must be made district-wide by September 30, 2021. This decision must be updated in the respective application packet(s) in TX-UNPS on or before September 30, 2021



Switching Programs

CEs may switch programs from SBP and NSLP to SSO or vice versa prior to September 30, 2021. To do so, a CE must update their respective application packet(s) in TX-UNPS on or before September 30, 2021. The new program cannot begin prior to October 1, 2021.



All SFAs May Choose

CACFP At-Risk

NSLP Afterschool Care Program (ASCP)



SUMMER FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS

ALL SUMMER FOOD SERVICE (SFSP)
OPERATIONS MUST CEASE ONCE
INSTRUCTION FOR SY 2021-22 BEGINS



Creating Debt

CEs approved in one program, but filing claims in an alternate program could create a debt.

- Funds paid in incorrect program will be recovered
- Late claims in the correct program may not be allowed
- AR (Administrative Review) will verify program operated and claims filed

- Consistency is required in the following:
 - Program Application (NSLP Application required for SSO)
 - Program Approved
 - Program Operated
 - Program Claimed



Counting and Claiming

NSLP:

FREE

REDUCED

PAID

SSO:

ONE COUNT

SHOULD INCLUDE

ALL MEALS SERVED



USE DECLARE/DECLINE FORM

- To Opt into Waivers
- Notify of new and continued waivers
- Continuation
- Selection of no waivers
- Select operational waiver (option to let TDA know which program running)
 - What operational flexibilities are you using of the 5
 - What programs are you applying them to
- Must be completed at least once
- Notify TDA of Programs Operating at SFA
- Update as changes occur

HOW TO OPERATE PROGRAMS

- Refer to Handbook, ARM (Administrator's Reference Manual)
- 7 CFR210 NSLP
- FAQs on squaremeals.org
- Contact your ESC
- School.operations@texasagriculture.gov



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