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.
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

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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

01 CACFP At-Risk

02 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 CFR 210 NSLP
- FAQs on squaremeals.org
- Contact your ESC
- School.operations@texasagriculture.gov
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