TEXAS SUMMER MANDATE: NOTIFICATION OF INTENT IN TX-UNPS



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TX-UNPS



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another SFA should report all operating costs to TDA even if the costs were \$0.00. If operating costs were \$0.00, please enter \$0.01 to avoid errors. The cost report must be completed and submitted to TDA in TX-UNPS by October 9, 2018 to avoid a Corrective Action Plan.

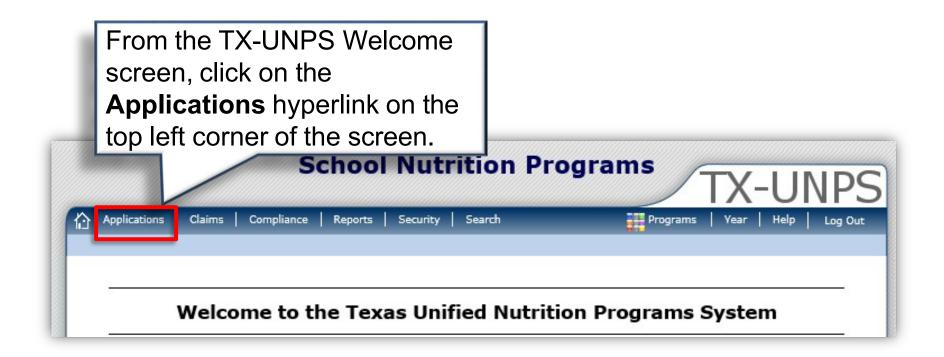
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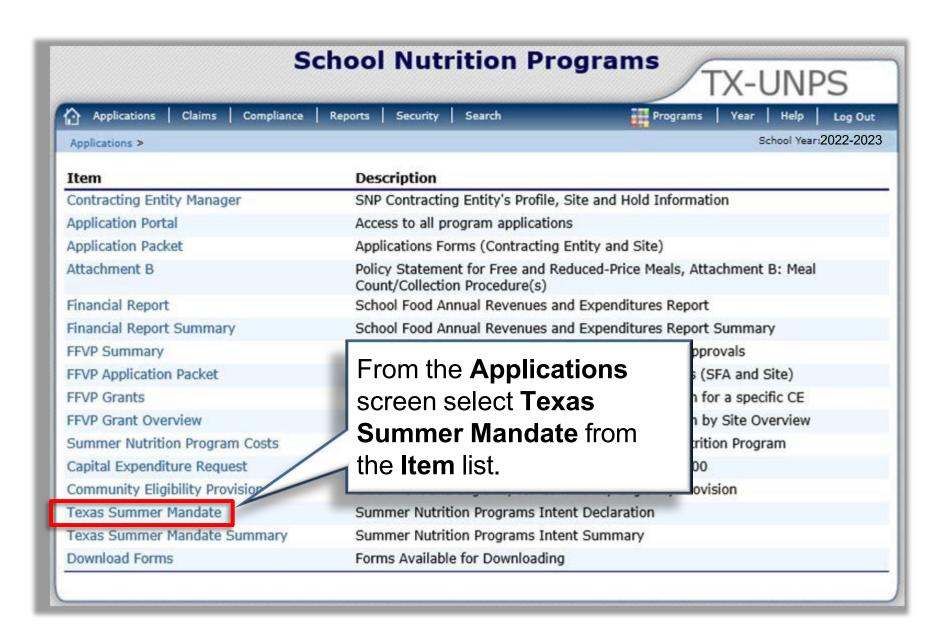
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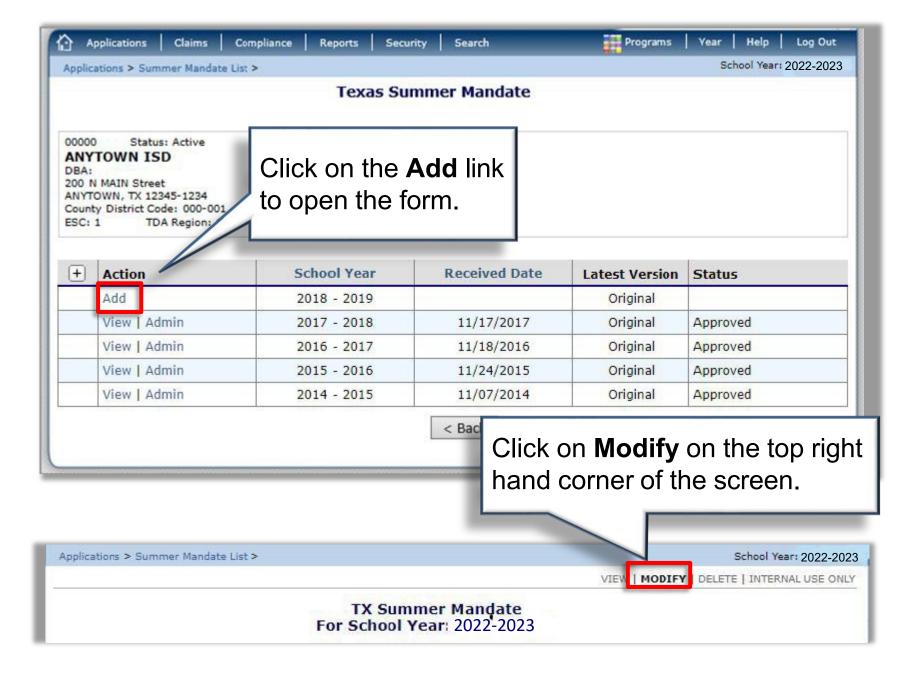
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Review the requirements making note of the **due date** to submit intentions to TDA.

Instructions Texas regulation (4 Texas Admin, Code §25.612) requires public school districts with 50 percent or more of their enrolled students eligible for free or reduced-price meals in the National School Lunch Program to provide a summer nutrition program. SFAs that meet this criteria are required to declare their intention to provide a summer nutrition program, or submit their waiver request and waiver explanation through this form by January 31. SFAs will be contacted if additional information is needed to approve a waiver request. Waivers are valid for one year only. The Texas Summer Mandate form is not the program application. In order to claim meals for reimbursement, SFAs that declare they will provide a summer nutrition program must complete an application and be approved for participation prior to program operation. Enter the appropriate information for the **Contact Contact Information** Information fields 1-4. Salutation First Name 1. Name: 2. Title: Email Address: 4. Phone: Ext: Fax: Due Date: January 31, 2023

Select **one of the intentions** listed below to signify which program your district plans to participate in.

Summer Program Intention

If an SFA selects option 5a, 5b, or 5c, they will be required to submit a cost report in TX-UNPS at the end of summer identifying operating costs for running the summer program (even if their cost is \$0).

Select the SFA's program intention for school year 2022-2023

- a.
- Summer Food Service Program (SFSP):

SFA will operate a traditional Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) as a sponsor. SFAs that declare they will provide a summer nutrition program must complete an application and be approved for participation prior to program operation.

- b.
- Seamless Summer Option (SSO):

SFA will operate the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) as a sponsor. SFAs that declare they will provide a summer nutrition program must complete a site application and be approved for participation prior to program operation.

- Partnering with another organization or SFA:

SFA is arranging for the operation of a summer nutrition program by collaborating or partnering with another organization or SFA. The written agreement between parties must be submitted to TDA by April 1.

- d.
- Waiver for participation in a summer nutrition program:

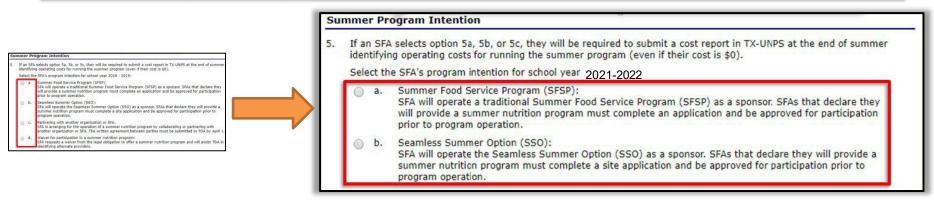
SFA requests a waiver from the legal obligation to offer a summer nutrition program and will assist TDA in identifying alternate providers.



Review the following pages to learn more about the four Summer Program Intention options!



Option (a) and (b): Offer SFSP or SSO



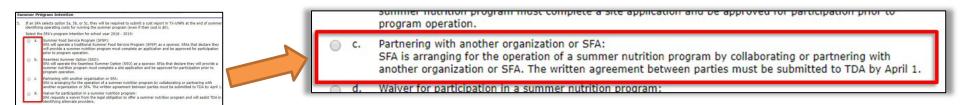
Choose option (a) or (b) in *number 5* to indicate that your district plans to provide a summer nutrition program, and operate SFSP or SSO.

Reminder!

- The SFSP or SSO Application Packet must also be completed and submitted in TX-UNPS.
- To apply for SFSP:
 - Visit the <u>SFSP page</u> at SquareMeals.org
 - 2. Carefully review all deadlines and instructions before completing the application.
- To apply for SSO, complete and submit the SSO Site Application. *Instructions for adding a site can be found in the TX-UNPS User Manual at <u>www.squaremeals.org/TXUNPSResources</u> or in <u>Administrator's Reference Manual</u> Section 12.*

Contact your <u>Education Service Center</u> for more information about the SFSP or SSO applications.

Option (c): Partner with Another SFA



Choose option (c) in *number 5* to indicate that your district will partner with another SFA to provide a summer nutrition program. There are a variety of ways your district can help children in need access nutritious meals via a partnership:

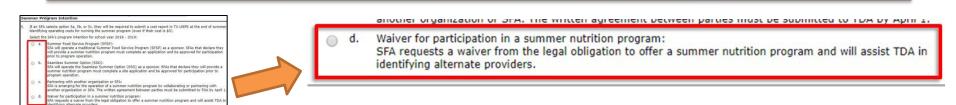
- Allow/Rent another sponsor to use your facilities
- Find a sponsor to open a meal site in a local community location
- Volunteer staff or conduct outreach to help another sponsor provide meals
- Volunteer your buses to help transport children to meal sites

A **signed agreement** between your district and partnering organization is required, and should include:

- Serving days and times
- Responsibilities of each party
- Names and contact information for each party

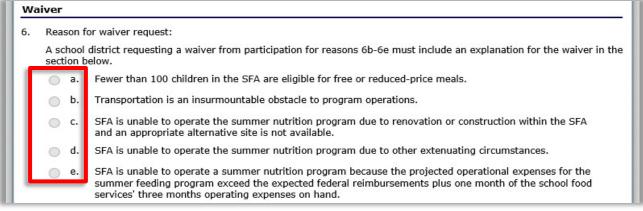
Important Deadline: It is required to submit to TDA the finalized partnership agreement by April 1, 2023, via email to SNPWaivers@TexasAgriculture.gov.

Option (d): Request a Waiver – two steps



- 1.Choose option (d) in *number 5* to indicate that your district would like to request a waiver, and opt out of providing a summer nutrition program.
 - Waiver requests must be submitted prior to January 31 in order to be considered
 - Depending on the reason for the waiver request, additional information and documentation may be required. See the following page for requirement details.
 - As required by state law, the Board of Trustees must send written notice of intention to the Districts local school Health Advisory Council no later than **November 30, 2022**.
 - When selecting the waiver option, you must also identify an alternate feeding site that is able to serve summer meals to your in-need student population
- 2. Continue to number 6 of the form to enter the waiver request reason.

Waiver reasons and requirements explained on the following page



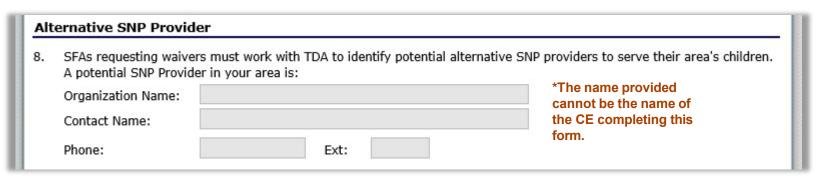
Waiver Request Reasons and Required Documentation	
a. Fewer than 100 eligible students	Select (a) if your school district has fewer than 100 students eligible for free or reduced meals, based on prior PY20 <i>March</i> claims. No documentation or additional explanation is needed.
b. Transportation	Select (b) if there are insurmountable barriers that prevent children from accessing the meal site. This often includes safety hazards, physical distance between home and meal sites, etc. <i>A detailed</i> explanation of barriers is required in number 7 of the form.
c. Construction	Select (c) if construction is planned and there is no alternative facility available. Verifiable paperwork detailing the planned construction must be sent to TDA. A detailed explanation of why an alternative site is not available is also required in <i>number 7</i> of the form.
d. Other extenuating circumstances	Select (d) if there are other extenuating circumstances not provided on the form. A detailed explanation of the extenuating circumstance is required in <i>number 7</i> of the form.
e. Cost	Financial documentation must demonstrate the cost to operate the program for one month is greater than one month of your food service's budgeted operating expenses and expected federal reimbursement. Transportation costs should not be included. Financial documentation must be emailed to TDA for review.

All supporting documents should be emailed to SNPWaivers@TexasAgriculture.gov by January 31. View www.squaremeals.org/SummerWaivers for further details on acceptable explanations.

For reasons 6b-6e, enter your explanation in the provided Waiver Explanation box.



If applying for a waiver, an Alternative SNP Provider must be identified and recorded in *number 8*. This should be contact information of who you contacted to discuss feeding children in your region.



Submitting Summer Mandate Intention

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Helpful Reminders

- If you change your decision about which option to pursue at a later date, you must update your Texas Summer Mandate form in TX-UNPS and submit any required documentation to TDA prior to the deadline given.
- Waiver requests must be submitted by January 31st to be considered for approval.
- Unless you request a waiver, your district's Summer Cost Report must be submitted at the end of the summer in TX-UNPS, even if your cost is \$0. This also applies even if you partnered with another organization.
- For additional information, please visit <u>www.summerfood.org</u> and <u>www.squaremeals.org</u>.

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