

Texas Summer Mandate

Overview

Texas law (Agriculture Code, Title 2, Chapter 12, Section 12.0029) requires public school food authorities (SFAs) with 50 percent or more of enrolled students eligible for free or reduced-price meals in the National School Lunch Program to operate a Summer Nutrition Program (SNP) to provide meals to students in need for a minimum of 30 calendar days during the summer months.

Summer Nutrition Program Intent

1. Log into TX-UNPS > Applications > Texas Summer Mandate
2. Modify application in the current school year. This option will become available by November 1 annually.
3. Complete the form by declaring to operate a Summer Nutrition Program, partner with another organization, or request a waiver. If applying for a waiver, provide a detailed explanation to support the request.

Select A Option

To meet this requirement, SFA's must select one of the following options and provide the applicable information to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) via TXUNPS.

<p>Option A or B</p> <p>Operate a Summer Nutrition Program (SNP) as a sponsor during the summer for a minimum of 30 calendar days.</p>	<p>Explained</p> <p>If you choose this summer mandate option, you must operate a SNP for at least 30 calendar days. In addition to completing the summer mandate form, the SFA must also complete an application to participate in the program they have chosen to operate.</p>
<p>Option C</p> <p>Partner or collaborate with another organization or SFA to support their summer program.</p>	<p>Explained</p> <p>If you choose to Partner, you must provide TDA with an agreement signed by both parties specifying serving dates & times, what each party is responsible for & contact information for both parties. TDA must receive your agreement by April 1st</p>
<p>Option D</p> <p>Request a waiver for participation and identify a potential alternate provider by January 31.</p> <p>If requesting a waiver, state law requires the board of trustees to send written notice of the district's intention to the district's local school health advisory council no later than November 30. The notice must include an explanation of the district's reason for requesting a waiver of the requirement.</p>	<p>Explained</p> <p>If an SFA plans to request a Summer Mandate Waiver from TDA, the board must provide the SHAC committee a written notice of this waiver request intention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The SFA must keep this letter on file according to record retention policies• The SHAC committee does not need to approve or act on the waiver request• TDA does not need a copy of this letter as part of the mandate process

