

Summer Food Service Program vs. Seamless Summer Option

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MDHSS)
Bureau of Community Food and Nutrition Assistance



Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)
Food and Nutrition Services

Topic	Summer Food Service Program— MDHSS		Seamless Summer Option—DESE		
Contract or Application Agreement	Requires contract w/MDHSS		Piggybacks on National School Lunch Program (NSLP) application agreement		
Application and Budget Requirements	User-friendly, on-line application, budget and site information sheets		Approval is required for each site via DESE Web Apps.		
Record-Keeping	Maintain program documentation as described in SFSP handbooks. Simplified cost accounting!		Continue to collect and retain records as in NSLP		
Eligible Meal Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast • Lunch/Supper • Snack 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast • Lunch/Supper • Snack 		
Maximum Number of Meals Per Child, Per Day	Two		Two		
Reimbursement Rates	Breakfast	\$2.0375	Breakfast	\$1.62	Seamless Summer rates are current through June 30, 2015
	Lunch	\$3.5875	Lunch	\$3.04	
	Snack	\$0.8450	Snack	\$0.82	
Severe Need	Same as above		Breakfast	\$1.93	
			Lunch	\$3.06	
Commodities	1.5¢ commodity entitlement per meal (schools may use NSLP and SFSP commodities interchangeably)		May use regular school-year NSLP commodities		
Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School District must perform on-site review for each site in the 1st and 4th weeks of SFSP operations • MDHSS will review School District during the first year of SFSP operations and at least once every three years thereafter 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School district must perform on-site review for each site within first three weeks of Seamless Summer operations • If a AR review is conducted during the 14-15 school year, DESE will review Seamless Summer program in 2015 		

<p>Site Eligibility</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By Area (where at least 50% of children at the school qualify for free/reduced price meals) <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By Enrollment (where at least 50% of children enrolled in Summer Program qualify for free/reduced price meals, as supported by Income Eligibility Forms (IEFs)) 	<p>Same as SFSP</p> 
<p>Eligible Participants</p>	<p>Children in low-income areas 18 years of age or younger, as well as disabled adults over age 18 enrolled in school during the regular school year</p>	<p>Same as SFSP</p>
<p>Public Notification</p>	<p>MDHSS sends required public media notice for School District. School District is encouraged to conduct local outreach.</p>	<p>School District is responsible for public notification.</p>
<p>Training</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School District is required to train Program staff annually. • Attendance at MDHSS training required for new sponsors. Encouraged thereafter but not required. 	<p>School District encouraged to conduct NSLP/SBP training of local staff, but not required.</p>
<p>Site Change Reporting</p>	<p>Site changes are reported on-line, and include meal service time change, changes in operating dates, field trips, etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An additional approval is required for all site additions • School Districts must report meal service time changes and site closures
<p>Meal Pattern</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meal pattern must meet standards found in SFSP regulations at 7 CFR 225.16(d) <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Districts may use NSLP/SBP menu planning system used during the regular school year • School Districts may use offer vs. serve if they do so during the regular school year 	<p>NSLP/SBP meal patterns/menu planning system used during the regular school-year</p> 
<p>Claims for Reimbursement</p>	<p>School Districts will be reimbursed based on the number of meals served multiplied by the meal rates shown above, which include both an administrative and operational component. The “lesser of” cost comparison for SFSP reimbursement has been eliminated!</p>	<p>School Districts will be reimbursed based on the number of meals served multiplied by the single meal rates shown in the Reimbursement Rates section above</p>