

What is the Seamless Summer Option?

SSO is designed to encourage more schools to provide free meals during summer and other school vacation periods or during emergencies.

How do I determine if my school is eligible for SSO?

Eligibility is based on a percentage of free or reduced students and operates an Open or Closed Enrolled site.

SSO Site Determination Flowchart

What is Area Eligibility?

- Based on documentation indicating the site is a school, that at least 50 percent of enrolled children are approved for free or reduced price meals as of the last operating day of the most recent school year or other month designated by State Agency.
- The area eligibility of a site in the same attendance area establishes area eligibility for all sites located in that attendance area.
- Census data may also be used to determine area eligibility.
- **Apply for Area Eligibility [here](#)**
 - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/eligibilitywaiver>

The school site has 50% or more of its students approved for free or reduced price school meals OR the site is located in the attendance area of a school site that does have 50% or more of its students approved for free or reduced price school meals?

[Apply for Area Eligibility Waiver #52](#)

Yes
LEA will operate an Open Site

Open site: Serves all children through age 18 at a site located within the geographical boundaries of a school attendance area that has at least 50% of its students approved for free or reduced price

Yes

Area Eligible

LEA prefers Closed Enrolled

Elect to use **Nationwide Waiver to Allow Area Eligibility for Closed Enrolled Sites #48.**

Closed Enrolled: Serves only children through age 18 enrolled in a specific program or activity serving only an identified group of children.

Open site: Serves all children through age 18 at a site located within the geographical boundaries of a school attendance area that has at least 50% of its students approved for free or reduced price meals.

REMINDERS

- Complete SSO Participation Survey [here](#) if you are participating in SSO during SY 20-21.
- Each site operating SSO must complete and retain the [On-Site School Review for Seamless Summer Option form](#) during the first 3 weeks of operating.
- To indicate participation in waiver #48 make a comment on the SSO building application for the site that is operating a closed enrolled site. Contact your Nutrition Program Specialist for assistance.
- Additional resources are found on our website under School Year 2020-2021 Resources [School Year 2020-2021 Resources](#).