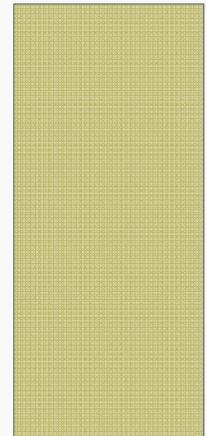


# SEAMLESS SUMMER OPTION (SSO)

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## Purpose:

To encourage more School Food Authorities to provide meals during the summer.

## SEAMLESS SUMMER OPTION

- Summer Feeding: May through September when school is not in session.
- Unanticipated closures: October through April.
- Year round schools during break of 10 or more school days: Anytime during the year.

# SEAMLESS SUMMER OPTION VS SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

## SSO vs. SFSP

- Part of the existing NSLP application and agreement in CNIPS.
- Follows the NSLP/SBP meal pattern (age/grade group requirements apply).
- No deadline for applying to participate. (Request notification of intent by May15th).

# SSO VS SFSP

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# SSO PARTICIPATION

- Major PS 1 or PS 2 deficiencies in AR
- Payments currently being withheld
- Sites deemed seriously deficient in SFSP or CACFP

# SUMMER MEALS

## Feeding Sites

- Established as open, open-restricted, closed-enrolled, camps, migrant sites and mobile routes.
- Determined as area eligible and non-area eligible (must be 50% free/reduced)
- All meals served paid at the free rate:
  - 50% or more to be eligible as a site except for camps who claim only individuals who are eligible for free or reduced meals.

# SUMMER MEALS

## Summer School or Credit Recovery Programs

- Must be an open feeding site and make a concerted effort to attract children from the community to attend.
- Area where meals are served must be accessible and open to the public.

# SSO

## Participant Eligibility

Any child 18 years of age and those persons over age 18 who meet the federal definition of mentally or physically disabled may receive meals under the SSO free of charge.

# SSO

## Meal Services

- 2 meal services daily (cannot serve lunch and supper).
- Camps/Migrant – Can serve 3 meal services per day.
- Can be approved to operate on weekends.
- May utilize OVS if desired.

# SSO

## Meal Service Times

- Breakfast must be served in the morning hours.
- Lunch must be served between 10 and 2 p.m.
- Snacks must be evenly spaced between other meal service times to minimize food waste and ensure good nutrition practices.
- Supper should begin before 7:00 and end by 8:00.

# SSO

## Recordkeeping

- Production Records and planned menus
- Daily meal count sheets
- Monitor reviews
- Meal counts by site per month
- Media release/outreach
- Any other to demonstrate program compliance.

## UNANTICIPATED SCHOOL CLOSURES

A natural disaster, unscheduled major building repair, court order related to school safety or other issues, labor-management dispute or other similar cause as approved by the State Agency.

## UNANTICIPATED SCHOOL CLOSURES

- Must be served at a non-school site (may ask for a waiver).
- All other SSO requirements apply for meal types, times, record keeping, meal pattern, etc...

# YEAR ROUND SCHOOLS

Schools following a year-round/continuous schedule with breaks that are scheduled to be at least 10 school continuous days (or more) and are officially part of the school year schedule.

## YEAR ROUND SCHEDULE

- Serve meals for which they are approved to serve during normal NSLP/SBP operations.
- All other SSO requirements apply for meal types, times, record keeping, meal pattern, etc...

# FOR MORE INFORMATION



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## Seamless Summer Option

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### An Opportunity for Schools

Children need good nutrition all year long. The National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs along with Seamless Summer Option and the Summer Food Service Program make it possible for schools to provide nutritious meals after the regular school year ends.

Schools participating in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program are eligible to apply for the Seamless Summer Option.

Seamless Summer Option has less paperwork, making it easier for schools to feed children during the traditional summer vacation periods and for year round schools, long school vacation periods. Once approved by the State Agency, the school serves meals free of charge to children, including teenagers through age 18, under the school meal program rules. Meals are reimbursed at the free rates for school lunches, school breakfasts, and afterschool snacks which are lower than the Summer Food Service Program rates.

### What is the Right Option for Your School?

Which program will be the best option for serving meals to children in your community? To help you decide, we have created a [chart](#) to show how Traditional School Meals, Seamless Summer Options and the Summer Food Service Program will compare. A [video](#) is also available for comparison purposes.

[Kentucky SSO Guidance Manual](#)



# SFSP TO SSO COMPARISON CHART

Summer Nutrition Programs: Comparing Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) to Seamless Summer Option (SSO)

2015

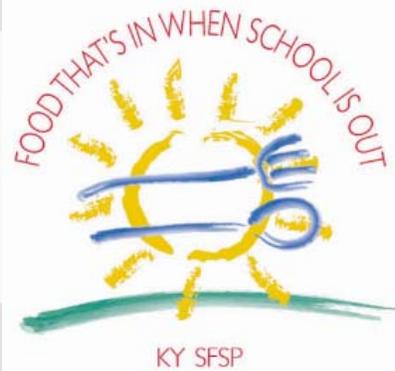
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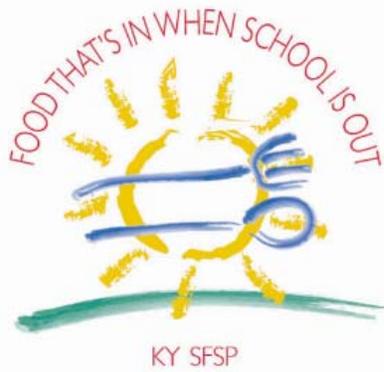
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## SFSP OUTREACH

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (the Act), Public Law 111-296, establishes requirements for conducting outreach to households on the availability of Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) meals.



# SFSP OUTREACH

SFSP 04-2011, SP 15-2011 states that to the maximum extent practicable, ensures that school food authorities (SFAs) cooperate with SFSP service institutions to inform eligible families of the availability and location of free meals for students when the regular school year ends.

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

SFA's should promote summer feeding sites in the attendance area of their schools, regardless if their own district is sponsoring the feeding sites.

# WHY?

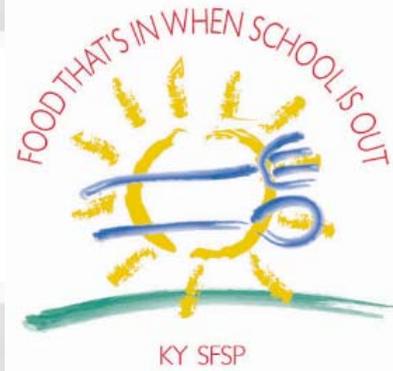
- For children who rely on free and reduced price meals the summer months can be difficult when budgets may be stretched.
- Studies show that kids are at a higher risk for both obesity and hunger during the summer months.

# HEALTHY OPTIONS

By promoting summer feeding, students and their families can find free, healthy meals during the summer months.

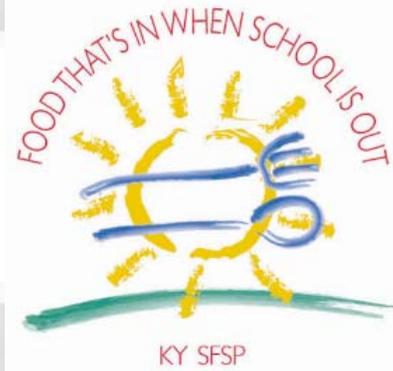
# PROMOTION OF SUMMER FEEDING

If an SFA is contacted by a summer feeding sponsor to provide information on summer feeding sites, SFA's must provide that information to their students.



# SFSP OUTREACH

An SFA can distribute information to households including the location of nearby SFSP meal sites, times of service, and SFSP service institution contact information. The SFAs may distribute the information through means normally used to communicate with the households of enrolled children.

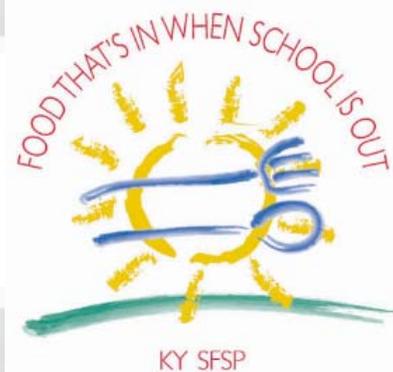


## SFSP OUTREACH

Acceptable activities may include developing or disseminating printed or electronic materials to families of school children prior to the end of the school year, which provide information on the availability and location of SFSP meals.

# CREATIVE WAYS TO DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION

- "One call" to parents
- Flyers to families in student backpacks
- District website
- SFSP posters
- PTO/PTA meeting presentation
- Contact community groups, churches to help get the word out!



## SFSP OUTREACH

The SFSP Outreach Toolkit for Sponsors and Feeding Sites includes fliers, letters to parents, and other materials that may help schools raise program awareness among students and their families. The SFSP Toolkit is available at [http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Summer/library/SFSP\\_toolkit.pdf](http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Summer/library/SFSP_toolkit.pdf)

## NO SUMMER PROGRAM?

If an SFA is not sponsoring summer feeding sites and has not been contacted by another organization, SFA's can still promote summer feeding to their students.

# HOW TO PROMOTE

- Contact SFSP staff at SCN and request summer feeding posters to display in schools.
- Provide the web address to the Whyhunger website where families can search for summer feeding sites anywhere in the U.S.

<http://www.whyhunger.org/findfood>

## SHARING ELIGIBILITY

- The eligibility status of children in a federal child nutrition program is able to be shared with other federal child nutrition programs.
- SCN encourages SFA's to provide eligibility information to summer feeding sponsors who request this information in order to operate a summer feeding site at camps and non-area eligible feeding sites.

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