Ohio Department of Education, Office for Child Nutrition
Summer Food Service Program vs. Seamless Summer Option
2013

Topic	Summer Food Service Program	Seamless Summer
Contract or Application Agreement	* Online annual application * Must obtain approval of administrative and operational budget	* Annual application * Budget not required
Eligible meal types	Breakfast, lunch, snack, supper	Same
Maximum number of meals per child, per day	Two Three for camps/migrant sites	Same
Meal Pattern	• Meal pattern must meet 7 CFR 225.16 (d) standards. • School districts may use NSLP/SBP meal patterns • Schools Districts may use offer vs. serve	• NSLP/SBP meal patterns/menu planning • Snack meal pattern • May allow offer vs. serve
Meal Counting	• At point of service • Can claim 2% of second meals served	• At point of service • Only first meals may be claimed
Reimbursement rates	Breakfast:$ 1.8975 Lunch:$ 3.325 Snack:$.78 * Reimbursement is slightly higher for rural/self-prep sites	Breakfast: $1.51 Lunch: $2.77 Snack: $.76
Severe Need Rates	Does not apply	Breakfast: $1.85 Lunch: $3.03, $3.09 (if 6 cents approved) Does not apply to snack
Commodities	1.5 cents commodity per meal	May use regular school-year NSLP commodities
Monitoring Required	• Pre-operational monitoring visit • First week monitoring visit • First four weeks of operation visit	• Single review within four weeks of start of operations

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Site Eligibility	• By area (at least 50% of children at the school qualify for free/reduced meals) • By enrollment (at least 50% of the children enrolled in summer program qualify for free/reduced price meals)	Same
Eligible Participants	Children in low-income areas 18 years of age or younger, and those persons with disabilities over age 18 who participate in school programs for people who are mentally or physically disabled	Same
Public Notification	Sponsor is required to send public media notice regarding program and eligibility	No public notification is required but Sponsor must advertise sites to community
Training	• School district is required to train program staff annually • Attendance at SFSP training required for new sponsors	• School District is encouraged to conduct NSLP/SBP training of local staff, but not required

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