

**SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM**

The Governing Board recognizes that child nutrition programs have a positive and direct impact upon children's well-being and achievement. To help students and other children in the community remain well nourished throughout the summer vacation, the district shall sponsor a summer meal program as approved by the California Department of Education (CDE).

*(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)*  
*(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)*  
*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*  
*(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)*

The district may apply to the CDE to provide meals to children during any extended break in a year-round school schedule. (42 USC 1761; 7 CFR 225.2, 225.6, 225.14)

*(cf. 6117 - Year-Round Schedules)*

Between October and April, or at any time or school on a year-round schedule, the district may serve meals at a nonschool site in cases of unanticipated school closures, such as a natural disaster, unscheduled major building repair, court order related to school safety or other issues, labor-management dispute, or similar cause as approved by the CDE. (42 USC 1761; 7 CFR 225.6)

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend to the Board one or more sites for meal services based on state and federal program criteria and an assessment of family and community needs. When feasible, the Superintendent or designee shall involve local governmental agencies, food banks, and/or community organizations in identifying suitable site locations. The site(s) shall be approved the CDE before meal service is initiated.

The summer meal program may be offered in conjunction with educational enrichment or recreational activities in order to encourage participation in other wellness and learning opportunities.

*(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)*  
*(cf. 1330.1 - Joint Use Agreements)*  
*(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)*  
*(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)*  
*(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)*  
*(cf. 6177 - Summer School)*

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and coordinate outreach and promotional activities to inform parents/guardians and the community about the availability of the summer meal program and its location(s) and hours.

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*(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)*  
*(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)*  
*(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)*

\*\*\*Note: Districts participating in either the SSFO or SFSP must submit reimbursement claims through the CDE's online Child Nutrition Information and Payment System. \*\*\*

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain accurate records of all meals served and shall ensure the timely submission of reimbursement claims in accordance with state procedures.

*(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)*

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board regarding program implementation, number of participants at each site, feedback from participating children and their parents/guardians regarding menus and service, and program costs. As needed, the Board shall direct the Superintendent or designee to identify program modifications to increase program quality or children's access to meal services.

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*  
*(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)*

*Legal References:*

*EDUCATION CODE*

*49430-49436 Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001*

*49490-49494 School breakfast and lunch programs*

*49500-49505 School meals*

*49510-49520 Nutrition*

*49530-49536 Child Nutrition Act*

*49547-49548.3 Comprehensive nutrition services*

*49550-49562 Meals for needy students*

*49570 National School Lunch Act*

*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5*

*15510 Mandatory meals for needy students*

*15550-15565 School lunch and breakfast programs*

*UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42*

*1751-1769i School lunch programs, including:*

*1751 Note Local wellness policy*

*1761 Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Feeding Option*

*1771-1792 Child nutrition, especially:*

*1773 School breakfast program*

*CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7*

*210.1-210.31 National School Lunch Program*

*220.1-220.22 National School Breakfast Program*

*225.1-225.20 Summer Food Service Program*

**SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM (continued)**

*Management Resources:*

*CSBA PUBLICATIONS*

*Providing Access to Nutritious Meals During Summer, Policy Brief, June 2010*

*Monitoring for Success: Student Wellness Policy Implementation Monitoring Report and Guide, 2007*

*Student Wellness: A Healthy Food and Physical Activity Policy Resource Guide, rev. April 2006*

*CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MANAGEMENT BULLETINS*

*USDA-SFSP-06-2008 Summer Food Service Program Outreach Requirement Clarification, October 2008*

*U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PUBLICATIONS*

*The Summer Food Service Program: Food That's In When School is Out, 2010, Nutrition Guidance for Sponsors, rev. March 2010*

*The Summer Food Service Program: Food That's In When School is Out, 2010 Site Supervisor's Guide, rev. January 2010*

*The Summer Food Service Program: Food That's In When School is Out, 2010 Monitor's Guide, rev. January 2010*

*U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PUBLICATIONS (continued)*

*The Summer Food Service Program: Food That's In When School is Out, 2010 Administrative Guidance for Sponsors, rev. December 2009*

*National School Lunch Program's Seamless Summer Option Questions and Answers, 2009*

*WEB SITES*

*CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>*

*California Center for Research on Women and Families, Summer Meal Program Coalition: <http://www.ccrwf.org>*

*California Department of Education, Nutrition: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu>*

*California Food Policy Advocates: <http://www.cfpa.net>*

*California School Nutrition Association: <http://www.calsna.org>*

*Child Nutrition Information and Payment System: <https://www.cnips.ca.gov>*

*U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service: <http://www.fns.usda.gov>*