

# Seamless Summer Option

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The Seamless Summer Option (SSO) is an option that allows sponsors to operate an open community meal site using the National School Lunch Program's (NSLP) administrative and monitoring requirements. The purpose of the SSO is to assist traditional and year-round schools to make nutritious meals more accessible to children who are not in school.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is responsible for overseeing the SSO nationally. In California, the California Department of Education (CDE), Nutrition Services Division administers the SSO. Schools must follow the NSLP and SBP meal requirements for all meals and snacks served.

Sites must be open to all children. Meals must be provided to all children. Records must be kept to document compliance with all federal and State regulations and policies. Record keeping requirements include, but are not limited to:

- Meal production records and inventory records that document the amounts and types of food used
- The number of lunches, breakfasts, and/or snacks served each day, by site, by category when applicable (i.e., camps)
- Records of income, expenditures, and contributions received

Eligible sites are school or non-school agencies. These include parks, private, non-profit facilities, and community centers. They may be classified as open, restricted-open, migrant, or a camp. Open Sites may qualify for the SSO if 50 percent of the student enrollment is eligible to receive free and reduced-price meals, or by verifying that the area in which the site is located meets the 50 percent low-income criteria. This information can be obtained from the school, census report, zoning commission, welfare department, or state-recognized migrant organization. Agencies must be participating in the NSLP to be eligible for the SSO.

Additional information about the SSO is available at the following Web sites:

The CDE's SSO Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/sn/ssfo.asp>.

The USDA School Meals Web page at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/opportunity-schools>

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