



School Operations Update

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Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Age/Grade Group Waivers

SSO meals must meet the meal pattern requirements for the NSLP and SBP, as appropriate. SFAs operating the SSO should make every effort to follow the required age/grade group portion sizes when serving meals.

SFAs operating Open and Restricted Open sites under the SSO may apply for an *SSO Age/Grade Group Waiver* to serve only one portion size if the site has difficulty serving each age/grade group requirements.

If the waiver is approved by TDA, the SFA is allowed to serve the portion size consistent with the most commonly served age/grade group at the site. SFAs must evaluate which age/grade group this is.

Reminders:

- SFAs should only submit the *SSO Age/Grade Group Waiver* to TDA after the SSO site has been approved in TX-UNPS.
- SFAs submitting the waiver must include why the site cannot meet the age/grade group requirement.

Open/Restricted Open SSO Sites and TEA Safety Protocols

Texas Education Code 38.022, School Visitors

A school district may require a person who enters property under the district's control to display the person's driver's license, another form of identification containing the person's photograph issued by a governmental entity, or, if applicable, the person's district employee or student identification card. The person must provide the identification on request.

Texas Education Code 61.1031 School Safety Requirements

Requires all exterior doors to remain closed, latched, and locked unless actively monitored. Main entry points must allow for visual identification of visitors and have a physical barrier that prevents unassisted access before check in.

Public schools operating SSO Open and/or Open/Restricted sites must plan for community participation to avoid restricting child access to meals.

Update Information in TX-UNPS

School food authorities (SFAs) are responsible for ensuring that the information in the Application module in TX-UNPS is accurate and current.

SFAs should review and update and contact information, program participation details, and other data as changes occur.

It is crucial that the information is correct for the Administrative Review (AR) and Procurement Review (PR).

The screenshot displays the TX-UNPS interface for the 2026-2027 Application Packet. The page title is "2026 - 2027 Application Packet". The status is "Approved". The packet was submitted on 06/11/2026 and approved on 06/12/2026.

Action	Attention	Form Name	Latest Version	Status
View	✓	Contracting Entity Application	Original	Approved
View	✓	Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Schedule	Original	Approved
Details	✗	Meal Pattern Compliance Dashboard Checklist		Submitted
Details		Application Packet Notes		
Details		NDL Application Packet Dashboard (8)		Complete

Site Applications	Approved	Pending	Return for Correction	Denied	Withdrawn/Closed	Error	Total Applications
School Nutrition Program	5	0	0	0	0	0	5

Buttons: < Back, Submit for Approval, Update Packet, Approve, Return, Deny

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NSLP/SBP 2026-2027 AR/PR Schedule

The 2026-2027 NSLP/SBP Administrative Review (AR)/Procurement Review (PR) list of school food authorities (SFAs) is available at

<https://squaremeals.org/Programs/National-School-Lunch-Program/Compliance>

273 SFAs total including 52 SFAs with FSMC contracts

Procurement Reviews (PR) (off-site) for SFAs contracting with FSMCs will begin in July 2026.

On-site Administrative Reviews (AR) will begin in October 2026.

Attachment B Upload

Opens: July 1, 2026

Closes: October 31, 2026

Who needs to complete the Attachment B Upload:

- SFAs operating standard counting and claiming (including Universal Free)
- SFAs operating CEP or Provision 2, not district-wide
- SFAs operating Provision 2 in the base year
- RCCIs with day students

What to Submit for Attachment B Upload:

- School Meal Application – Paper
- School Meal Application – Online (if applicable).
- School Meal Application Instructions – Paper and Online
- All Eligibility Template Letters, including Direct Certification letters

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