

HEALTHY SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS

No Cost for kids 18 and younger and enrolled students up to 21 with disabilities



EVERY MESSAGE COUNTS... PLEASE DO YOUR PART

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) open the door to good nutrition with healthy summer meals for Texas children at no cost to them. The schools and community organizations participating in SFSP or SSO help children access the meals they need for an active, healthy summer.

ALL schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs are required to notify student households that SFSP and SSO meals are available.

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) provides posters and parent information cards that schools can use to meet the federal notification requirement.

The materials are delivered to the schools and there is no charge.

Even schools that do not provide SFSP or SSO meals must provide notification regarding the meal availability. Schools that do not use TDA provided materials must use other methods of notification.

Make a Difference in Your Community

You can help connect children with nutrition during the summer by increasing SFSP and SSO program awareness. Program materials provided by TDA ensure students and parents understand the benefits of the programs and can use tools created by TDA to find nearby meals sites during the summer months.



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Summer Posters

Purpose: Show students and families how to find summer meal sites and increase awareness of the Summer Meal Programs.

Action: Display throughout school campuses immediately upon receipt.

Parent Information Cards

One Card for Each Student

Purpose: Provide take-home information to every enrolled student about how to find summer meal sites.

Action: Distribute one card to each enrolled student immediately and instruct students to deliver the card to their parents.

How it Works

TDA provides program posters and parent information cards directly to child nutrition directors to help make it easier for schools to meet the federal requirement and tell households how to find summer meals.

Step 1: Update the physical mailing address and name on file in TX-UNPS in February of each year to ensure prompt delivery of materials.

Step 2: Distribute posters to schools for display and ensure classrooms provide a parent information card to each child.

Remember, federal regulations require all schools to inform students of the Summer Meal Programs even if the schools are not serving summer meals. Additional outreach materials are available for organizations and schools participating in the programs. For details, refer to 7 CFR 210.12(d).

For more information about SSO and SFSP, visit www.SquareMeals.org or contact your regional education service center.



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