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TX Summer Mandate
For School Year: 2026 - 2027

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UNION GROVE ISD
DBA:
11220 UNION GROVE RD
GLADEWATER, TX 75647-1447
County District Code: 230-908
ESC: 7 TDA Region: 2

Version: Original

Instructions

Texas regulation (4 Texas Admin. Code §25.612) requires public school districts with **50 percent** or more of their enrolled students eligible for free or reduced-price meals in the National School Lunch Program to provide a summer nutrition program.

SFAs that meet this criteria are required to declare their intention to provide a summer nutrition program, or submit their waiver request and waiver explanation through this form by January 31.
SFAs will be contacted if additional information is needed to approve a waiver request.

Waivers are valid for one year only.

The Texas Summer Mandate form is **not** the program application. In order to claim meals for reimbursement, SFAs that declare they will provide a summer nutrition program must complete an application and be approved for participation prior to program operation.

Contact Information

		Salutation	First Name	Last Name
1.	Name:		Laurie	Eudy
2.	Title:	food service director		
3.	Email Address:	rheas@ugisd.org		
4.	Phone:	(903) 844-3921	Ext:	Fax:

Due Date: January 31, 2027

Summer Program Intention

5. If an SFA selects option 5a, 5b, or 5c, they will be required to submit a cost report in TX-UNPS at the end of summer identifying operating costs for running the summer program (even if their cost is $0).

   Select the SFA's program intention for school year 2026 - 2027:

   - a. Summer Food Service Program (SFSP):
     SFA will operate a traditional Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) as a sponsor. SFAs that declare they will provide a summer nutrition program must complete an application and be approved for participation prior to program operation.
   - b. Seamless Summer Option (SSO):
     SFA will operate the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) as a sponsor. SFAs that declare they will provide a summer nutrition program must complete a site application and be approved for participation prior to program operation.
   - c. Partnering with another organization or SFA:
     SFA is arranging for the operation of a summer nutrition program by collaborating or partnering with another organization or SFA. The written agreement between parties must be submitted to TDA by April 1.
   - d. Waiver for participation in a summer nutrition program:
     SFA requests a waiver from the legal obligation to offer a summer nutrition program and will assist TDA in identifying alternate providers.

Waiver

6. Reason for waiver request:

A school district requesting a waiver from participation for reasons 6b-6e must include an explanation for the waiver in the section below.

- ○ a. Fewer than 100 children in the SFA are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.
- ◉ b. Transportation is an insurmountable obstacle to program operations.
- ○ c. SFA is unable to operate the summer nutrition program due to renovation or construction within the SFA and an appropriate alternative site is not available.
- ○ d. SFA is unable to operate the summer nutrition program due to other extenuating circumstances.
- ○ e. SFA is unable to operate a summer nutrition program because the projected operational expenses for the summer feeding program exceed the expected federal reimbursements plus one month of the school food services' three months operating expenses on hand.

7. Waiver Explanation:
Provide supporting waiver explanation in this area instead of submitting to TDA via fax or email.

Many of our kids live in rural areas more than a mile away and would be unable to get to the schools for meals, there are no sidewalks for riding bikes or walking, there is no public transit. There are two adjoining school districts that offer summer feeding programs, Gilmer ISD and Gladewater ISD. Any interested family could go to either of those.

Alternative SNP Provider

8. SFAs requesting waivers must work with TDA to identify potential alternative SNP providers to serve their area's children. A potential SNP Provider in your area is:

Organization Name: Gilmer ISD

Contact Name: Roberta Jones

Phone: (903) 841-7400 Ext:

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