

Food Services Board Report

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Summer Foods Service March Claim

- Due to the month ending last week, all meal claims for March have not been received from the schools and the March reimbursement have not been submitted.

Summer 2021 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Application

- April 1st, SISD participated in the AK Dept. of Education required training for the Summer Foods Service Program (SFSP). Based on the information received during the training the district office is working with individual schools to determine participation in the program and collect required application information. Application information includes: ability to participate in required training number of projected participation; ability to be available for a 1st & 4th week on-site review; identify type and hours of service; and ethnic and racial data. All application information must be received, and application submitted by April 15.

Menu Transition

- To assure all children receive healthy meals during the Covid Pandemic, the USDA allowed schools the option of operating under the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). The SFSP allows for less restrictive menu planning, alternative meal service choices, and higher reimbursement rates.
- This option will not be available for the 2021/22 school year and schools are required to operate under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).
- This impacts menus, but no major alterations are anticipated. The greatest impact is the site's ability to substitute certain foods and meeting calorie and sodium limitations.
- The NSLP provides a lower reimbursement rate and is based on student free/reduced/paid eligibility.

Grants:

- **Greenhouse Produce** A goal is to expand the use of greenhouse produce in school menus, help facilitated produce delivery to schools, and work cooperatively with the business department to establish procedures for purchasing greenhouse produce.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

- Currently five (5) SISD schools are operating under the CEP. CEP allows schools with an identified student percentage of 40% or greater free meal eligibility to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without collecting household applications.
- Identified students are those certified for free meals without the use of household applications (for example those directly certified through SNAP).

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

- SISD's CEP status will be reviewed and renewed this year. If a school's status changes the district's decision to serve meals at no cost is not impacted, reimbursement rates and the requirement to complete household applications will be the greatest impact.

P-EBT

- The Pandemic – Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) Program is additional money for families to buy food due to COVID-19 related school closures.
- The P-EBT program has been extended through the 2020/21 school year and the district has provided the state all required information about school closures and student eligibility status.
- All calculations are completed by the state and further information will be provided when available.