

Food Services Board Report

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Summer Food Service Program

From June 7th to August 13th Thorne Bay, Whale Pass and Hollis Schools served 1136 lunches and 1227 breakfasts to the SISD community. Hollis provided hot meals twice daily from June 14 to July 9, from July 12 to August 13 children picked up five bagged (5) breakfast and lunches each Monday. Thorne Bay provided “grab and go” breakfasts and lunches daily June 7 through August 6. Whale Pass provided five boxed breakfasts and lunches weekly between June 7 and August 13. This was possible through the cooperation with AmeriCorps, SISD employees willing to make the “trip in ” during the summer, and other dedicated staff and community. There were many meals served and many lessons learned. Most importantly our children continued to have the opportunity to receive food during the summer.

Administrative Review

- SISD school meals program will undergo an Administrative Review during the 2021/22 school year.
- The Administrative Review is a **comprehensive** evaluation of all aspects of the school meals programs by State Agencies (SAs) of SFAs participating in the NSLP and SBP, and includes both Critical and General Areas of Review.
- Documentation, records, and procedures will be reviewed at the school and district level.
- The review includes off-site reviews of required documents, policies, procedures and on-site review of school meal operations.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

Please see CEP Public Notice under “Information Items” in the Board packet.

Seamless Summer Option (SSO)

- In response to the ongoing COVID crisis the Federal government is allowing schools the option of operating under the Seamless Summer Option (SSO). The SSO allows SFAs to provide children free meals during the 2021-22 school year (SY) at a higher reimbursement rate than the NSLP.
- The SSO Reimbursement Rate for Rural, self-prep Alaska schools is:
 - Breakfast \$3.99; Lunch \$6.99

Meal Applications

- Under SSO all students receive free meals, however SISD encourages all families to complete the Free/Reduced Price Meal Application.
- These applications are important as supporting documentation for federal funding in many instructional areas.
- P-EBT (Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer) benefits are issued to students in non-CEP schools based on their meal eligibility. If a family does not have an approved application they are not eligible for these benefits.

Waivers

Due to the ongoing COVID Pandemic, USDA is allowing waivers to enable schools to provide meals during during “High Risk” instructional days. The following waivers have been submitted for approval:

- **Meal Times Waiver**: FNS is letting meals be served to kids outside traditional times to maximize flexibility for meal pick-up.

- **Non-congregate Feeding Waiver:** FNS is allowing meals to be served in non-group settings to support social distancing.
- **Parent/Guardian Meal Pick-Up Waiver:** FNS is allowing parents/guardians to pick-up meals and bring them home to their children.
- **Seamless Summer Option (SSO) and Summer Food Service Operations:** FNS is allowing SFSP and Seamless Summer Option operations through June 30, 2021.

Menus

Daily SSO Meal Pattern Requirements:

- Breakfast: 1 oz grain, 1 cup fruit, 8 oz fluid milk
- Lunch: 1 oz grain (K-8), 2 oz grain (9-12); ½ c fruit (K-8), 1 c fruit (9-12); ¾ c vegetables (K-8), 1 c (9-12), 8 oz fluid milk
- Students must receive all meal components in requirement amounts to claim as a reimbursement meal. Supporting documentation of meal counts and food production (production records) must be kept on file for current plus three (3) years.
- Each school is reviewed annually at the local level to assure that reimbursable meals are being served and meal counts are taken at when students receive that meal.
- All grains must be at least 51% whole grain, and a variety of milk must be offered, SISD offers low fat unflavored / non fat flavored milk daily.
- SSO requires that vegetables from the five (5) subgroups (dark green, red/orange, starchy, dried beans, & other) be served weekly in specific quantities.

Other Specifications:

	K-8	9-12
Min - Max Calories	550 - 700	750-850
Saturated Fat	< 10% of calories from fat	< 10 % of calories from fat
Sodium	≤ 1360 g	≤ 1420 mg

- Proposed SISD menus have been submitted to the Alaska Child Nutrition Program for certification.
- Due to the ongoing labor and supply shortage menus may be modified based on item & human resource availability.

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program (FFVP)

- SISD has been awarded \$10,088 to purchase Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for students in grades K-8 for the 2021/22 school year.
- Fresh fruits and vegetables are served at a time outside the breakfast and lunch meal service to encourage healthy eating and fight obesity.

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