

SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM

The Monterey County Superintendent of Schools (County Superintendent) recognizes that child nutrition programs have a positive and direct impact upon children's well-being and achievement. To help students and other children in the community remain well nourished throughout the summer vacation, the Monterey County Office of Education (County Office / MCOE) shall sponsor a summer meal program as approved by the California Department of Education (CDE) and as appropriate for the program implementing the Summer Program.

(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)
(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced-Price Meals)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)
(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)

The County Office may apply to the CDE to provide meals to children during any extended break in a year-round school schedule. [42 United States Code (USC) 1761; 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 225.2, 225.6, 225.14]

(cf. 6117 - Year-Round Schedules)

Between October and April, or at any time or school on a year-round schedule, the County Office may serve meals at a non-school site in cases of unanticipated school closures, such as a natural disaster, unscheduled major building repair, court order related to school safety or other issues, labor-management dispute, or similar cause as approved by the CDE. [42 USC 1761; 7 CFR 225.6]

The responsible MCOE Division Head shall recommend to the County Superintendent one or more sites for meal services based on state and federal program criteria and an assessment of family and community needs. When feasible, local governmental agencies, food banks, and/or community organizations shall be involved when identifying suitable site locations. The site(s) shall be approved by the CDE before meal service is initiated.

The summer meal program may be offered in conjunction with educational enrichment or recreational activities in order to encourage participation in other wellness and learning opportunities.

(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)
(cf. 1330.1 - Joint Use Agreements)
(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)
(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)
(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)
(cf. 6177 - Summer School)

The County Superintendent or designee shall develop and coordinate outreach and promotional activities to inform parents/guardians and the community about the availability of the summer meal program and its location(s) and hours.

(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)

(cf. 1113 - District and School Websites)

The County Superintendent or designee shall maintain accurate records of all meals served and shall ensure the timely submission of reimbursement claims in accordance with state procedures.

(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund)