

Policy 3552: Summer Meal Program

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The Governing Board 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 district shall sponsor a summer meal program as approved by the California Department of Education (CDE).

The district may apply to the CDE to provide meals to children during any extended break in a year-round school schedule. (42 USC 1761; 7 CFR 225.2, 225.6, 225.14)

Between October and April, or at any time or school on a year-round schedule, the district 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 Superintendent or designee shall recommend to the Board one or more sites for meal services based on state and federal program criteria and an assessment of family and community needs. When feasible, the Superintendent or designee shall involve local governmental agencies, food banks, and/or community organizations in 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.

The 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.

The 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.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly report to the Board regarding program implementation, number of participants at each site, feedback from participating children and their parents/guardians regarding menus and service, and program costs. As needed, the Board shall direct the Superintendent or designee to identify program modifications to increase program quality or children's access to meal services.

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

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5 CCR 15510

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Mandatory meals for needy students

5 CCR 15550-15565

Ed. Code 49430-49434

Ed. Code 49490-49494

Ed. Code 49500-49505

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Ed. Code 49570

Federal

42 USC 1751-1769j

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42 USC 1761

42 USC 1771-1792

42 USC 1773

7 CFR 210.1-210.33

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7 CFR 225.1-225.20

Management Resources

CA DOE Management Bulletin

CSBA Publication

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School lunch and breakfast programs

[The Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001](#)

[School breakfast and lunch programs](#)

[School meals](#)

[Duffy-Moscone Family Nutrition Education and Services Act of 1970](#)

[Child Nutrition Act](#)

[Comprehensive nutrition services](#)

[Meals for needy students](#)

[National School Lunch Act](#)

Description

School Lunch Program

Local wellness policy

Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Feeding Option

Child nutrition

School Breakfast Program

[National School Lunch Program](#)

National School Breakfast Program

Summer Food Service Program

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USDA-SFSP-06-2008 Summer Food Service Program Outreach Requirement Clarification, October 2008

Providing Access to Nutritious Meals During Summer, Policy Brief, June 2010

Monitoring for Success: Student Wellness Policy Implementation Monitoring Report and Guide, 2007

[Student Wellness: A Healthy Food and Physical Activity Policy Resource Guide, rev. April 2006](#)

National School Lunch Program's Seamless Summer Option Questions and Answers, 2009

The Summer Food Service Program: Food That's In When School is Out, 2010 Administrative Guidance for Sponsors, rev. December 2009

The Summer Food Service Program: Food That's In When School is Out, 2010 Monitor's Guide, rev. January 2010

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Publication

The Summer Food Service Program: Food That's In When
School is Out, 2010 Site Supervisor's Guide, rev. January 2010

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Publication

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School is Out, 2010, Nutrition Guidance for Sponsors, rev.
March 2010

Website

[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)

Website

[U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service](#)

Website

[Child Nutrition Information and Payment System](#)

Website

[California Center for Research on Women and Families,
Summer Meal Program Coalition](#)

Website

[Nourish California](#)

Website

[California School Nutrition Association](#)

Website

[California Department of Education, Nutrition Services
Division](#)

Website

[CSBA](#)

Cross References

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