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MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors of Residential Child Care Institutions
Other Appropriate Personnel

FROM: Aimee F. Beam, MS, RD 
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RE: SY 2025-2026 Operational Memo #22
Child Nutrition Reauthorization 2010: Outreach to Households on the Availability of 2026 Summer Food Service Program Meals

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, Public Law 111-296, establishes requirements for all Child Nutrition Programs. The Act includes the provision requiring School Food Authorities (SFAs) to provide outreach to households on the availability of Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) meals. This is an annual requirement. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide notification and guidance on implementation of this provision. All SFAs, regardless of whether or not they serve meals in the summer, are required to provide SFSP outreach.

The SFA can determine the best way to notify students of open SFSP locations. SFAs are encouraged to distribute information “through means normally used to communicate with households of enrolled children”. Suggestions for outreach this year include using the district notification call or email system or including an article in a newsletter distributed to all families. USDA has stated that putting the announcement on the school or State website will not meet the notification requirement. Attached are a sample flyer and sample text for calling.

To find SFSP sites in their area, families are encouraged to:

- Call 211
- Log on to <https://www.fns.usda.gov/summer/sitefinder>
- Call the USDA National Hunger Hotline
 - 1-866-3-HUNGRY (for English)
 - 1-877-8-HAMBRE (for Spanish)

Please note that this requirement will be checked during the Administrative Review process. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 302-857-3356.

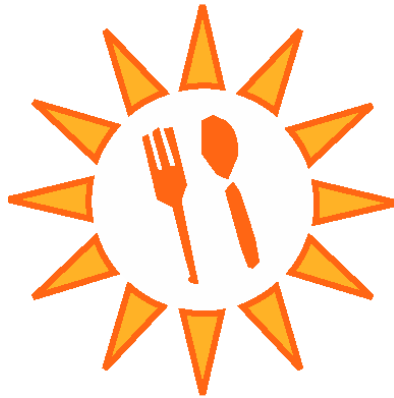
Attachments: SFSP Sample Call Text 2026, SFSP Sample Flyer 2026

cc: Nutrition Team

Sample Flyer

Summer Food Service Program

Food That's In...When School Is Out!



The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides healthy meals and snacks to children when school is not in session. The SFSP is a federally funded program operated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is managed locally by the Delaware Department of Education (DDOE). The goal of the SFSP is to ensure that children receive the nutrition they need to continue to grow, learn and play throughout the summer months!

If you are interested in finding an open feeding site in your area:

- Call 211
- Call 1-866-348-6479 or 1-877-842-6273 (for Spanish speakers)
- Visit <https://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids>

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Sample Calling Text

The Summer Food Service Program is a USDA program that provides healthy meals and snacks to children when school is not in session. Meals may be available in your area for children 18 years of age or younger, free of charge. Families are encouraged to call 211; call 1-866-3-HUNGRY or 1-877-8-HAMBRE (for Spanish speakers); or, go to <https://www.fns.usda.gov/summer/sitefinder> for information on open sites in their area.

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