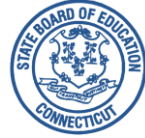





STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Potential 2020 Summer Meals Sponsors

FROM: John. D. Frassinelli, Bureau Chief 
Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education

DATE: February 3, 2020

SUBJECT: **Operational Memorandum No. 01-20 – SFSP**
Interest Survey for 2020 Summer Meals Programs

In order to plan for implementation of the Summer Meals Programs in 2020, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is requesting that all sponsors who participated in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or Seamless Summer Option (SSO) of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) in 2019, and any prospective new organizations, indicate their interest in becoming a SFSP sponsor.

The 2019 data below show the number of meals served and the number of children who participated in all types of summer meals programs including the SFSP, the SSO, and academic summer school.

Average daily participation:	37,816
Total number meals served:	1,777,023
Total number sites served:	656

The CSDE anticipates growth in access to and participation in 2020 Summer Meals Programs. As you plan your Summer Meals Program for 2020, consider how you can expand access to additional children. Examples include beginning summer meals sooner after the school year ends, continuing later into the summer, opening more sites, and increasing outreach efforts to children. Remember, ***hunger does not take a summer vacation!***

School sponsors are eligible to participate in either the SFSP or the SSO of the NSLP. Under the SSO, school districts are offered streamlined administrative procedures through reduced paperwork. In recent years, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has provided SFSP guidance allowing similar streamlined administrative procedures for school sponsors participating in the SFSP. The CSDE encourages school sponsors to consider participation under the SFSP. The higher per meal reimbursement rates under the SFSP allows sponsors additional financial resources to support staffing and high quality meals during the summer months. If you are considering transitioning your Summer Meals Program from the SSO to the SFSP, please contact the CSDE Summer Meals staff for technical assistance.

The CSDE requests that **all** 2020 summer meals sponsors complete and return the attached Summer Meals Programs Annual Interest Survey Planning Data Form by **February 21, 2020**, following the instructions below.

1. Review the attached 2019 site list and document the necessary changes for 2020.
 - For sites that will continue operating in 2020, indicate the planned dates of operation.
 - If sites will not operate in 2020, indicate that by placing a line through the site information.
 - If new sites will be added in 2020, complete the “Proposed New Sites” section of the Summer Meals Programs Annual Interest Survey Planning Data Form and return it with the site listing.
2. **All sponsors** must complete the “Sponsor name” and “Sponsor contact person” section of the attached Annual Interest Survey Planning Data form and sign, date, and return. Please note that this form must be completed and returned even if there are no changes from 2019.
3. Submit your response by e-mail to Caroline Cooke at caroline.cooke@ct.gov.

Your response will signify your interest in sponsoring summer meals in 2020, either under the SFSP or SSO regulations. Therefore, it is important that you submit your reply by the deadline of **February 21, 2020**. Additional information will be forwarded to the contact person listed under “Sponsor contact person” on the Annual Interest Survey Planning Data form.

If you have any questions, please contact Caroline Cooke 860-807-2144 or caroline.cooke@ct.gov.

JDF:cc

Attachments: (2)

Important: This is a numbered Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) operational memorandum that contains important program information. Please read carefully and retain for future reference. All CSDE operational memoranda for the SFSP are posted on the CSDE’s [Operational Memoranda for the SFSP](#) webpage.

Summer Meals Programs Annual Interest Survey Planning Data Form

This form indicates sponsor interest in 2020 Summer Meals, which include the [Summer Food Service Program \(SFSP\)](#) and the [Seamless Summer Option \(SSO\)](#) of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). For more information, refer to the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) [Operational Memorandum No. 01-20 – SFSP: Interest Survey for 2020 Summer Meals Programs](#).

Instructions: Complete information below and e-mail to Caroline Cooke at caroline.cooke@ct.gov by **February 21, 2020**.

Sponsor name: _____

Sponsor contact person: _____

Phone number: _____ **E-mail address** _____

Signature of contact person indicating review of attached list was completed: _____

Proposed New Sites				
Site name and address	School site? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	Census block group	Tentative dates of operation	Estimated daily attendance
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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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