



(Provided to sponsors February 2014)

Summer Food Service Program 2014 Policy Release Highlights

USDA sent out a large number of policy memorandums from November 2013 to February 2014 to clarify, update, change, and rescind policy. The highlights of each memorandum follows:

- **[SFSP 01-2014: Sponsors Operating in Multiple States \(Reissued\)](#)**
Clarifies that sponsors may qualify in any state, regardless of where the sponsor is located and that state agency staff must not be required to travel out of state in order to monitor an out of state sponsor. Therefore, sponsors located out of state must make all requested materials available in the state where the sponsor's sites are located in order to facilitate state agency monitoring activities.
- **[SFSP 02-2014: Mobile Feeding Options](#)**
Provides guidance on the use of the mobile feeding model and covers a range of topics sponsors should consider with this model, as well as non-FNS government funding opportunities available.
- **[SFSP 03-2014: Census Data Release \(Fiscal Year 2014\)](#)**
Changes the date census data will be released from February to October. For the 2014 summer, USDA will not be releasing new census data; sponsors will continue to use the data released February 2013.
- **[SFSP 04-2014: Promoting Nutrition in Summer Meals](#)**
Highlights existing policies and procedures that can assist with serving more nutritious meals that appeal to children.
- **[SFSP 05-2014: Use of School and Census Data](#)**
Consolidates guidance from several months touching on availability of census and school data, prioritization of data, and duration of area eligibility. At the discretion of the state agency, school data from a different month could be used to establish area eligibility.
- **[SFSP 06-2014: Transitioning from At-Risk Afterschool to Summer Meals](#)**
Highlights all streamlined provisions applicable to organizations serving children CACFP At-Risk Afterschool meals during the school year that wish to continue meal service in the summer months.
- **[SFSP 07-2014: Expanding Awareness and Access to Summer Food Service Program](#)**
Clarifies and provides general guidance related on expanding awareness and access to the summer meal programs. It also highlights resources available for conducting the required expansion efforts.

- **[SFSP 08-2014: Meal Service Requirements in the Summer Food Service Program](#)**
Consolidates previous guidance addressing meal times, meal types, adult meals, offer versus serve (OVS), leftovers, and the traveling apple policy. USDA has revised the “traveling apple” policy so that children may now take a fruit, a vegetable, or a grain item away from the summer meal site. Sponsors no longer need prior approval from OSPI to allow this. OVS requirements were also streamlined to better match that of the National School Lunch Program.
- **[SFSP 09-2014: Updates the Summer Meals Q&A](#)**
Replaces all previous Q&A memorandums. Changes are highlighted in yellow.
- **[SFSP 10-2014: Smoothies Offered in Child Nutrition Programs](#)**
Modifies previous guidance on fruit smoothies to allow for the crediting of yogurt in smoothies prepared in-house during breakfast service.
- **[SFSP 11-2014: Effective Date of Free or Reduced Price Meal Eligibility Determinations](#)**
Clarifies the flexibility available to Local Education Agency (LEA) officials for establishing the effective date for children certified for free or reduced price meals.
- **[SFSP 12-2014: Guidance on Income Eligibility Determinations and Duration REISSUED](#)**
Provides guidance and clarification regarding individual income eligibility determinations and durations specifically for CACFP and SFSP.
- **[SFSP 13-2014: Procurement Thresholds in the Summer Food Service Programs](#)**
Simplifies the procurement requirements for the SFSP to align with the Federal small purchase threshold other Child Nutrition Programs follow. Specifically:
 - Removing the existing thresholds on bids, bid bonds, and performance bonds, and linking it to the Federal small purchase threshold of \$150,000.
 - Providing LEAs the option to comply with the NSLP procurement standards in lieu of the SFSP procurement standards.
- **[SFSP 14-2014: Demonstration Project for Non-Congregate Feeding for Outdoor Summer Feeding Sites Experiencing Excessive Heat \(Revised Q&As\)](#)**
Extends the 2013 demonstration project allowing non-congregate feeding at certain outdoor summer meal sites experiencing excessive heat to summer 2014. Sponsors with sites without temperature controlled alternative sites may operate as non-congregate sites on days when the National Weather Service (NSW) has announced a Heat Advisory, and “Excessive Heat Warning” or “Excessive Heat Watch” for an area in which an approved outdoor feeding site is located.

To read each memorandum, click on the links above or go to <http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/policy>. Please contact Jennifer Mitchell, Summer Food and Special Projects Supervisor, at (360) 725-6056 or jennifer.mitchell@k12.wa.us, for additional guidance on these policy changes/updates.