



(Provided to Sponsors January 2015)

## SFSP Update – Summer Meal Programs Meal Service Requirements (version 2)

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) released [SFSP 05-2015v2 Summer Meal Programs Meal Service Requirements](#) on January 12, 2014. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide consolidated and/or updated guidance on meal service requirements in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the National School Lunch Program's (NSLP) Seamless Summer Option (SSO). This memorandum supersedes:

- SP 08-2014, SFSP 08-2014, *Meal Service Requirements*, November 12, 2013, and
- *Time Restrictions on Breakfast Meal Service*, February 12, 2002.

Carefully review the attached SFSP 05-2015v2 guidance on meal service requirements and revised Q&A section. It provides consolidated and/or updated guidance information on (but not limited to):

- Meal Service and Meal Number Requirements:
  - There are no time limits on the duration of a meal service and the time between meal services.
  - SSO meal service requirements are outlined in the [Questions and Answers for the National School Lunch Program's Seamless Summer Option](#) guidance.
- Offer Versus Serve (OVS):
  - FNS extended this option to non-school sponsors in 2011.
  - School sponsors that elect to use the NSLP or School Breakfast Program (SBP) meal pattern or operating SSO are required to follow the OVS requirements of the NSLP/SBP.
- Family Style Meal Service: Beginning summer 2015, camps **and** closed enrolled sites in the SFSP and SSO have the option of using family style meal service.
- Leftover Meals:
  - Second meals may be disallowed if the State agency determines that the sponsor has failed to plan and prepare or order meals with the objective of providing only one meal per child at each meal service.
  - Updated donation guidance is provided.
- Taking Meal Components Offsite:
  - Sponsors may allow a child to take one fruit, vegetable, **or** grain item offsite for later consumption without prior State agency approval.
  - SFAs operating SSO should follow Policy Memo SP41-2014, [Clarification of the Policy on Food Consumption Outside of Foodservice Area and the Whole Grain-Rich Requirement](#).

Please direct all your questions to Jennifer Mitchell, Summer Food Supervisor.

SFSP 05-2015v2 was attached to the email notification of this update because it was not yet on the USDA website. Once posted, it will be available at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/policy>.