

WHY SERVING MEALS YEAR-ROUND MAKES SENSE, AND CENTS:

The continuous flow of reimbursements can serve as an additional source of revenue, allowing organizations the ability to provide higher quality food and assist with equipment and labor costs.

USDA NUTRITION PROGRAM REIMBURSEMENT RATES (7/1/16 - 6/30/17)

MEAL TYPE	SUMMER (RURAL OR SELF-PREP)*	AFTER-SCHOOL
Breakfast	\$2.0775	\$1.71
Lunch/Supper	\$3.6450	\$3.16
Snack	\$.8650	\$.86

*rates for summer are subject to change as the reimbursement rates are updated

PROJECTED YEARLY INCOME

MEAL TYPE	50 KIDS	150 KIDS
AFTER-SCHOOL		
Breakfast	\$3,420	\$10,260*
Lunch/Supper	\$28,440	\$85,320
Snack	\$7,740	\$23,220
Maximum CACFP Reimbursement (one meal + one snack)	\$36,180	\$108,540
SUMMER (RURAL OR SELF-PREP)		
Breakfast	\$4,155	\$12,465
Lunch/Supper	\$7,290	\$21,870
Snack	\$1,730	\$5,190
Maximum Summer Reimbursement (two meals)	\$11,445	\$34,335
Maximum Reimbursement for Running Both Programs Year-round**	\$47,625	\$142,875

*After-school breakfast projections based on 40 school year weekends; After-school lunch/supper/snack based on 180 school days; Summer projections based on 40 days of service

**Maximum reimbursement totals are based on the maximum amount of meals that are allowed to be served per child per day at the highest reimbursement rate. ie. for At-Risk this would be lunch/supper + snack (excludes breakfast) and for SFSP it would be breakfast + lunch/supper (excludes snack)



HOW DO I GET STARTED?

To sponsor or host a Summer or After-school Meals site contact the Nutrition and Wellness Programs Division at the Illinois State Board of Education 217-782-2491 or cnp@isbe.net or for more information, visit: www.isbe.net/nutrition.

START-UP AND EXPANSION GRANTS AVAILABLE!

While the food for year-round meals programs is free, there are still costs associated with operating the programs. No Kid Hungry Illinois offers grants to help sponsors implement or expand their Summer and At-Risk After-school Meals programming by providing funds for equipment, transportation, staffing, outreach materials and other costs associated with the food service program.

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END CHILDHOOD HUNGER THROUGH SUMMER AND AT-RISK AFTER-SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAMS



Ensuring every child has access to food where he or she lives, works and plays.



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CLOSING THE MEAL GAP

When the school bell rings at the end of the day, or the end of the school year, many children who rely on free and reduced-price breakfast and lunch are unsure of where their next meal will come from. This means that for many children, summer and after-school meal programs are their only opportunity to access a healthy meal during these time periods.

Federal funds are available for snacks and meals served in low-income eligible summer and after-school programs; however, they are significantly underutilized. In fact in Illinois, fewer than 15% of students who participate in free and reduced-price lunch have access to meals during the summer and less than 5% have access to after-school meals.

Closing this meal gap is critical to reducing childhood hunger, obesity and other physical, mental and academic related issues.

So, what can you do to help close the meal gap? Take action and start serving meals in your community today!



WHAT ARE THE SUMMER AND AFTER-SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAMS?

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides reimbursements at the free rate for snacks and meals served at eligible schools and community organizations through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Child and Adult Care Food Program's (CACFP) At-Risk After-school Meals Program. Federally funded by the USDA, the nutrition programs are administered at the state level by Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and operated at the local level by a sponsoring organization or independent center.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

By participating in both Summer and After-school Meals, programs can:

- Serve as a stable source of nutrition in the community
- Provide kids safe, supervised locations where they can join their friends in physical, educational and social activities
- Help parents stretch their food budgets and keep their jobs
- Increase program participation and retention rates
- Have the ability to hire year round staff
- Experience streamlined administrative and reporting requirements

HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM ELIGIBLE?

To serve meals through the Summer and After-school Meal Programs, your organization must:

- Be a public or private non-profit school, local governmental agency, faith based organization or other non-profit with their 501(c)3 status. (*some for profit centers may be eligible)
- Be located in an area where 50% or more of the children are eligible for free or reduced price meals via census or school attendance data
- Serve children 18 and younger
- Meet state and local health and safety requirements
- Meet the USDA meal pattern requirements for either SFSP or CACFP (*schools may use the National School Lunch Program meal patterns)

Summer Meals sites:

- Must operate during the summer months or during vacations for year-round schools
- May serve up to two meals or one meal and one snack per child per day

After-school Meals sites:

- Must operate after-school on weekdays, on weekends or during school holidays
- Must offer regularly scheduled educational or enrichment activities
- May serve up to one snack, one meal or both, per child per day