

SFSP Site Type Comparison Chart

There are five site types in the Summer Food Service Program with differing requirements.

The chart below provides detailed guidance on the operations of each site type. A site is defined as a place where children receives a program meals.

A **site** may be indoor or outdoor where congregate meals are served, a stop on a delivery route of a mobile congregate meal service, or the distribution location or route for a non-congregate meal service. However, a child’s residence is not considered a non-congregate meal site for Program monitoring purposes.

Topic	Open Sites	Restricted Open Sites	Camp Sites	Closed Enrolled Sites
Definition	A site open to all children in an area in which at least 50% of children are eligible for free- or reduced-price meals in the National School Lunch Program.	A site open to all children in the area in which at least 50% of children are eligible for free- or reduced-price meals in the National School Lunch Program on a first-come, first-served basis. Attendance may be limited due to security, safety, or control due to limitations.	An organized program for enrolled children that provides regularly scheduled food service and activities between meals.	A site open only to enrolled children in which at least 50% of enrolled children at the site are eligible for free- or reduced-price school meals under the NSLP.
Determining Site Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area where at least 50% of children are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals Meals are made available to all children in the area on a first-come, first-serve basis (information regarding meal service must be publicized to the community served) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area where at least 50% of children are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. Site must be initially open to broad community participation from the eligible area in which it is located. Can only have restricted operations due to security, safety, space, or control. Meals are made available to all children in the area on a first-come, first-serve basis (information regarding meal service must be publicized to the community served, stating that meal service will be restricted) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offer regularly scheduled food service as part of an organized program for enrolled children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 50% of enrolled children are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. If using area eligibility to qualify the site, sponsor must demonstrate that the participants in the community that are not enrolled still have access to SFSP meals.

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Documenting Site Eligibility	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Data Census Data Migrant Information Housing Authority 	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Data Census Data Migrant Information Housing Authority 	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income Applications Upward Bound School List: Student Names and Eligibility Status 	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Data Census Data Income Applications Upward Bound School List: Student Names and Eligibility Status Housing Authority
Participant Eligibility	Any participants age 1-18	Any participants age 1-18	Income eligible participants age 1-18	Any enrolled participants age 1-18
Types of Meals Eligible for Reimbursement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reimbursed for all attending children that receive a meal. Meals must be served in a physical location where children consume meals in a supervised setting. First-come, first-serve. May serve up to 2 meals (Not Lunch & Supper) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reimbursed for all attending children that receive a meal. Meals must be served in a physical location where children consume meals in a supervised setting. First-come, first-serve. May serve up to 2 meals (Not Lunch & Supper) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reimbursed only for meals served to children eligible for free- or reduced-price school meals May serve up to 3 meals (with State approval) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reimbursed for all attending children that receive a meal when at least half are eligible for free- or reduced-price meals. Meals must be served in a physical location where children consume meals in a supervised setting. May serve up to 2 meals (Not Lunch & Supper)
Meal Count	May use *Head Count or **Actual Count	May use *Head Count or **Actual Count	Must use **Actual Count (must be by participant name) May not use methods that overtly identify participant eligibility information	May use *Head Count or **Actual Count
Non-Congregate Meal Service	Yes	Yes	Yes, in situations where non-congregate meal service for enrolled children is sensible, such as service of the third meal if a congregate meal service is not provided, or meals provided to be consumed over the weekend while an enrolled child is participating in an active camp session, but during which there are no congregate meals provided.	Yes, in situations where non-congregate meal service is sensible, such as a second meal that is served at the end of the program time.

Topic	Conditional Non-Congregate Site
Definition	A site that operates only non-congregate meal service in an area that does not meet the definition of “areas in which poor economic conditions exist” to participants that are eligible for free or reduced price meals.
Determining Site Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income Eligibility Applications (CIS) • School list of Income Eligible Children • For Non-SFA’s must enter into a written agreement or MOU with the local School Food Authority if they wish to receive student data for identification and eligibility documentation purposes.
Documenting Site Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income Eligibility Applications (CIS) • School list of Income Eligible Children • For Non-SFA’s must enter into a written agreement or MOU with the local School Food Authority if they wish to receive student data for identification and eligibility documentation purposes.
Participant Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income eligible participants age 1-18
Types of Meals Eligible for Reimbursement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reimbursed only for meals served to children eligible for free- or reduced-price school meals
Meal Count	<p>Must use **Actual Count (must be by participant name)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May not use methods that overtly identify participant eligibility information
Non-Congregate Meal Service	Yes, it is the only meal service style available.

***Head Count** means tallying the number of participants receiving a reimbursable meal at Point of Service and documenting on the Daily Meal Count Form.
****Actual Count** means documenting the number of participants receiving a reimbursable meal by name (first and last) on the Daily Meal Count Form at Point of Service.