



Child Nutrition & Wellness

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Sent by listserv to SFSP Sponsors and posted at www.kn-eat.org,
Summer Food Service Program, What's New

2018 Summer Food Service Program Numbers

To date, Kansas Summer Food Service (SFSP) Sponsors have served over 1,418,000 meals!

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Reimbursement Claim Submission Deadline

- August claim by 10/30/18

USDA Guidance

USDA Area Eligibility Mapping Tool Updated

The USDA Food and Nutrition Services mapping tools have been updated to reflect October 1, 2018 changes. To explore the area eligibility map, go to <https://www.fns.usda.gov/areaeligibility>. Data from the area eligibility map can be used to establish area eligibility in both the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and SFSP. To learn more about using census data for establishing area eligibility for CACFP and SFSP, please review the Area Eligibility in Child Nutrition Programs policy memorandum from 2017 at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/area-eligibility-child-nutrition-programs>.

SP20-2018: Guidance for Local and State Agencies on 60-Day Claim Submission and 90-Day Reporting Requirements for Child Nutrition Programs – Effective October 1, 2018

USDA has consolidated and clarified longstanding law, regulations, and guidance regarding claim submission and reporting timeframe requirements for Child Nutrition Programs, including the timeline for which final claims must be submitted to the State agency, in what circumstances exceptions and adjustments are allowed, and the State agency's reporting requirements. The guidance is posted at www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, What's New.

USDA would like to highlight the following changes included in this guidance:

- All original claims **and** revisions must be submitted by the 60-day deadline. The 90-day deadline for **submission of a revised claim that results in an increase to the amount of reimbursement** has been eliminated. The Sponsors may request approval for a one-time exception every 36 months for one monthly original or revised claim submitted after the 60-day deadline that results in increased reimbursement when the lateness is due to reasons within the control of the Sponsor. The Sponsor must also submit a Corrective Action Plan to correct the conditions that led to the late claim or need for a revised claim.
- Clarifies that if a claim deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a Federal Holiday, the claim due date is the next business day.

2019 Team Up for Summer Success – Save the Date!

Team Up for Summer Success will be held on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 in Topeka at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library. Watch for details in December.

2018 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Best Practice Awards

The 2018 Summer Food Service Program has drawn to a close and the efforts of Kansas Sponsors of the Summer Food Service Program are appreciated. Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) would like to recognize the hard work of individuals and organizations working to increase access to meals during the summer. Nominations are being accepted in the following Best Practice Awards Categories: 1) Best Outreach Efforts, 2) Volunteer of the Year, 3) Summer Champion, 4) Best Site Programming, 5) Innovative Approach to Increase Access, and 6) Incorporation of Local Foods. KSDE will also present an award to the Sponsor with the Greatest Increase in Meals Served. All award winners will be invited to present during the 2019 SFSP Best Practice Webinar to kick off the 2019 Summer Food Service Program. A nomination entry form is available at www.kn-eat.org, Summer Food Service Program, What's New. **Nominations are due to Kelly Chanay, at kchanay@ksde.org by December 14, 2018.**

Turnip the Beet! High Quality Summer Meals Award Program

The Turnip the Beet Award recognizes outstanding Summer Meal Program sponsors across the nation that work hard to offer high quality meals that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious during the summer months. The awards are open to all sponsors operating the Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option. There are three award levels available: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Offering high quality meals during the summer is important for a number of reasons. Summer sites have the opportunity to positively impact children's healthy development by offering nutritious meals and encouraging children to develop healthy habits at a young age. In addition, kids vote with their feet in the summer! Offering meals that children enjoy can help sustain and increase participation. It's a win-win, so let's *turnip the beet* on meal quality in the Summer Meal Programs! Visit <https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/turnip-the-beet> for more information and to apply. For assistance with applying, contact Barb Depew at bdepew@ksde.org.

Hunger Action Summits – Save the Date!

Nearly 15% of Kansas households lack consistent access to food. To eliminate hunger in our state, Kansans would need an additional \$185,071,000 in their combined household budgets. By helping more Kansas kids participate in school meals and other Child Nutrition Programs, YOUR actions can reduce hunger in Kansas. Make plans to join Kansas Appleseed on **Monday, December 10 in Hays OR Friday, January 25 in Topeka** for an engaging workshop to learn how you can make an impact in your community. More details coming soon. Contact Joey Hentzler (jhentzler@kansasappleseed.org) at Kansas Appleseed with any questions.

Plan Now for Summer 2019 – October is National Farm to School Month!

Join thousands of schools, early care and education sites, farms, communities and organizations across the country to celebrate healthy and local ingredients. **This is a great opportunity to reach out to producers in your community to learn how to incorporate local foods in summer 2019!**

Sunflower Spotlight – USD 231 Gardner Edgerton

USD 231 Gardner Edgerton operated four meal sites in 2018. A supper site called the Cyclone Café, a pop-up restaurant, was added as a new summer site in 2018. Meals were made to order with a pictorial order form provided on site. The incorporation of the pictorial made-to-order menu allowed the Cyclone Cafe site to accommodate allergy-related dietary needs while giving kids a meal choice. Amy Droegemeier, USD 231 Food Service Director, has incorporated local foods in many of the USD 231 Nutrition programs. Facebook posts include beautiful pictures of local fruits and vegetables that are offered at summer meal service sites. During the school year seasonal menus with a garden bar and Harvest of the Month offerings are available. Amy reports that the food service department has set a goal to procure 15% of all produce from local sources in the next three years.

Kansans CAN – Fill the Gap by Offering Year Round Meal Services

Thanks to all the hard work of Kansas SFSP Sponsors Kansas, children have returned to school equipped with healthy bodies and minds. Help students make the grade this school year by serving At-Risk Afterschool Meals to school-aged children in low-income areas. Ensuring that children have access to nutritious meal and snacks when school is not in session is in order for students to achieve both in and outside of the classroom. Qualified sites providing educational or enrichment activities after the end of the school day, on weekends or on holidays during the school year can receive reimbursement at the free rate for all meals/snacks that are served. Interested in learning more? Contact Kelly Chanay at kchanay@ksde.org, or Laura Hodgson at lhodgson@ksde.org or call 785-296-2276.