Reply to
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Subject: Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Questions and Answers

To: STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS - Colorado ED, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri DH, Montana OPI, Nebraska ED, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming DHSS (Special Nutrition Programs)

Attached are questions and answers that have been received from State Agencies and field offices since our memorandum, SFSP-226, dated March 18, 1994. Please contact my staff at (303) 844-0359 if you need further clarification.

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1. Q. A school district sponsor would like to have a SFSP site at a new school that has not yet opened, but will hold summer school for grades 4, 5, and 6 this year. The SFSP would be open to all children. How can the school document eligibility, since this is a new school?

A. The school district, as the sponsor, can use its 1993/1994 free and reduced price data (F/RP) from the school that covered the area this school year, since the site will be open to the same children that attended that school.

2. Q. Native American children are bused to a public school off their Reservation. The school district will be operating as a SFSP sponsor, and to save busing costs, wishes to operate a site for these children on the Reservation. Can the school district use its F/RP data to establish blanket eligibility for this site?

A. No. Since the F/RP data covers a wider area than just the Reservation, the school district would have to use census or other data, or make this site an enrollment site. As an enrolled site the school district could use its F/RP applications for individual children to establish eligibility since the school district is the sponsor and confidentiality of F/RP information would be maintained.

3. Q. A private nonprofit agency which provides training services to disabled individuals wishes to participate in the SFSP. May those individuals over 18 years of age participate?

A. Yes, if they meet the definition in Part 225.2 of (b) under children.

4. Q. A school wishes to be a sponsor for a National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) site rather than a near-by university. The children attend that school as well as three other public schools. Can the school sponsor the NYSP?

A. Yes. There is no problem with the school sponsoring the NYSP providing it accepts all responsibility for the site including establishing eligibility of the enrolled site.

5. Q. In the situation stated in the previous question, can the school use IEF information on file at all four schools to establish site eligibility?

A. No. The school may only use income eligibility form (IEF) information for the children who attend that school. The sponsor will have to get IEFs from the other children who attend different schools.
6. Q. Can a camp claim all children's meals?
   A. No. Camp sponsors can only claim meals (up to four per day) for those children who are income eligible. All children's meals are only reported for commodity distribution. However, if a camp has over 50 percent that are income eligible, it may be classified as an enrolled site. In that case only two meals per day for all children (lunch and either breakfast or snack, but not supper) could be claimed rather than the four per day for a camp.

7. Q. A school district with a year-round food service management company (FSMC) contract will be a SFSP sponsor. Does the FSMC have to be registered?
   A. No. However, the school district may have to get an addendum to the contract if it does not specify SFSP requirements.

8. Q. A Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor the SFSP and would like to use F/RP school data to establish site eligibility. Parents had signed a waiver of confidentiality which specified certain non-National School Lunch Program items the IEFs would be used for; i.e., free textbooks and health insurance. However, the SFSP was not listed. Can the sponsor use this school data?
   A. No. The sponsor would have to document the area as eligible, or be an enrolled site and get IEFs from participating children.