Reply to
Attn. of: SFSP-337

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

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

Attached are questions and answers that have been received from state agencies since our memorandum, SFSP-319, dated August 20, 1996.

Please contact my staff at (303) 844-0359 if you need further clarification.

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Attachment
SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM (SFSP)
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

SITE ELIGIBILITY

1. Q. An elementary school and middle school are eligible to operate as an open site. The middle school has construction being done, and the elementary school has no preparation facilities. However, a high school is located within three blocks of both of these schools. Can the meals be prepared and served at the high school?

   A. Yes. The location of the high school can be treated as a generic open site, and SFA data gathered from whichever schools represent the drawing area. Reference also SFSP-131-16 and 18 for additional information.

2. Q. Census data will be used to establish a site's eligibility. Does the census data have to be evaluated or can the percentage be used?

   A. The percentage may be used, assuming the site covers only one BNA. If two or more BNAs cover the site's boundaries, then raw data must averaged.

3. Q. Two schools in close proximity of each other plan to operate SFSP sites. One will be an enrolled site. Can both schools participate?

   A. Yes. Both can participate, even if the boundaries overlap, since they will not be serving the same children.

4. Q. A private non-profit sponsor plans to operate an enrolled site in the same vicinity of the above schools. Can it operate a program?

   A. Yes. The enrolled program does not interfere with the boundaries of an open program and vice versa.
OTHER QUESTIONS

5. Q. CACFP-330 outlined a change in the policy of on-site consumption meals, allowing some fruits and vegetables to be taken off-site. Can other foods, which are not counted as components, be taken off-site?

A. Our memorandum does not address this. The SA should determine what it thinks is most reasonable.

6. Q. Can a Food Service Management Company take the percentage of the performance bond cost that pertains to the SFSP and claim it as an allowable cost?

A. Yes. The cost of required bonding is an allowable cost. Because bid and performance bonding are specific requirements under the SFSP, these costs are not general operating expenses, but program-specific costs. The principle behind allowing this cost is that the Federal Program receives benefit from these expenses.

7. Q. A SFSP sponsor is providing meals to a non-SFSP site such as a child care center which in turn claims the meals on the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Does the SFSP sponsor have to report the income from these meals?

A. Yes. Unless the SA has a system of factoring out the cost of the non-Program meals.

8. Q. Is the person who evaluates the Income Eligibility Forms considered a Program adult?

A. No. SFSP-330 defines a Program adult as someone who is performing meal service duties on-site during the meal service. Reference also FNS 796-4, Rev. 4 for specific types of duties.