

Iowa Summer Food Service Program

Available to children age 18 and under



Did you know ...

In SY2015-2016, 200,000+ Iowa children received free or reduced-price meals but only an average of 21,000 children received meals as a part of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSF).

Learning does not end when school lets out & neither does the need for good nutrition. Schools are well positioned to counter this “summer hunger gap.”

Please consider participating in this under-utilized program!



Open Sites must be located in areas of high need — contact the State Agency to discuss eligibility criteria.

Summer Food Service 101:

- Sites can operate the day after school dismisses for summer all the way up to the day before school resumes.
- Local sponsors determine the actual days of operation, the length of overall service, and the meals & snacks provided.
- Sponsors can provide up to 2 meals OR 1 meal & 1 snack per day.
- A simplified meal pattern is available.
- Reimbursement is provided for all eligible child meals served.



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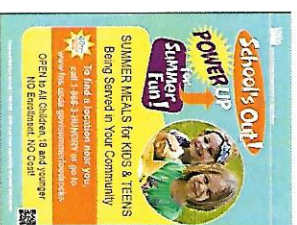
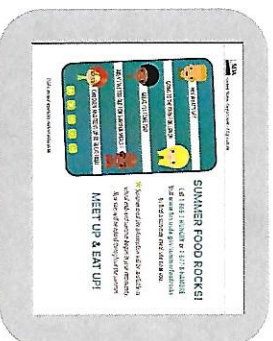
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Summer Food Service Program (SFSF) Outreach

The Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 requires ALL schools participating in the National School Lunch Program to conduct outreach to households on the availability and location of summer meals, whether the school participates in the SFSF or not.

As trusted community organizations, schools are ideal places to market the Program. Schools can outreach their own summer meal sites AND outreach meal sites in the surrounding area by:

- Sending informational flyers home with children.
- Sending letters or emails to parents or guardians.
- Including site location information in school newsletters.
- Posting a link to the Summer Food Rocks Site Finder and National Hunger Hotline on the school's webpage and social media pages.
- Sharing information during parent-teacher conferences.
- Promoting Summer Meals via the school's robo-call system.
- Hanging a Summer Meals banner in front of the school.



Outreach toolkit materials and templates can be found on the DE's Summer Food Service Program website at
www.educateiowa.gov

Call 1-866-3-HUNGRY,
 text "Food" to 877-877, or visit
www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks
 to find a summer site near you