

Seamless Summer Option

The Seamless Summer Option (SSO) is one of the Child Nutrition Programs funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). In Washington State, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) Child Nutrition Services (CNS) administers the program. The SSO combines features of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) School Breakfast Program (SBP) and (SFSP) Summer Food Service Program.

Requirements:

- ✓ SSO is operated by public or private LEAs who operate the NSLP during the school year
- ✓ Meals must be served in low-income communities where at least 50 percent of children are eligible for free and reduced-price school meals or in other locations where at least 50 percent of the children enrolled in a specific program are eligible for free and reduced-price school meals
- ✓ Children 18 years of age and younger are eligible to participate in the program
 - Persons over 18 years old who are physically or mentally disabled and participating in a public or nonprofit private school program established for children with these disabilities may also participate in this program
- ✓ A SSO may not be restricted to summer school students only

Sponsor Responsibilities:

- ✓ Select appropriate sites in low-income areas (areas with $\geq 50\%$ of children are eligible for free and reduced-price meals at school)
- ✓ Submit and have approved an agreement/application to OSPI
- ✓ Ensure all staff involved in the operation of the SSO are properly trained
- ✓ Ensure all sites are properly monitored and meals served meet NSLP/SBP meal pattern requirements
- ✓ Maintain accurate records to substantiate allowable costs (number of meals received, number of children at each meal and amount of foods prepared)
- ✓ Submit a claim for reimbursement

Program Meals:

- Follow the NSLP, SBP and Afterschool Snack Program meal pattern requirements as applicable
- Up to two meals types may be served daily

Breakfast	Lunch	Snack
Breakfast + Snack	Lunch + Snack	Snack + Snack
Breakfast + Lunch	Lunch + Supper	
Breakfast + Supper		

-Sites serving primarily migrant children may serve up to three meal types per day per child

- Meals may be self-prepared or contracted
 - Contractors may be public or private schools participating in a Child Nutrition Program or a commercial food service management company

Reference:

- ✓ [RCW 28A.235.160](#)

Resources:

- ✓ [USDA Seamless Summer Option webpage](#)
- ✓ [OSPI CNS Summer Food Programs web page](#)

Acronym Reference	
-CNS	Child Nutrition Services
-NSLP	National School Lunch Program
-OSPI	Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
-SBP	School Breakfast Program
-SSO	Seamless Summer Option
-SFSP	Summer Food Service Program
-USDA	United States Department of Agriculture