

## Seamless Summer Option (SSO) and National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Comparison Chart for School Year 2021-22

	SSO	NSLP/SBP
<b>Allowable Meals</b>	<p>Up to 2 meals each day: Breakfast, Lunch, Snack (AM or PM), and/or Supper</p> <p>Lunch and supper served on the same day is not an allowable combination</p> <p>May not provide weekend or holiday meals</p>	<p>Breakfast, Lunch, Afterschool snacks</p> <p>May not provide weekend or holiday meals</p>
<b>Allowable Sites</b>	School and non-school sites	School sites
<b>Area Eligibility</b>	<p>All sites are eligible to participate, regardless of eligibility percentage</p> <p>Meals may be provided to all children (enrolled or not enrolled in the district) at open sites</p>	Meals may be provided only to children enrolled in the district
<b>Reimbursement Rates</b>	SFSP combined reimbursement <a href="#">rate</a> for rural/self-prep	NSLP/SBP reimbursement <a href="#">rates</a>
<b>Meal Claiming</b>	All meals are claimed at the free rate	Claim meals by student income eligibility (free/reduced/paid)
<b>Free &amp; Reduced Price Meal Applications</b>	<p>May collect and process applications to establish eligibility for Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) only</p> <p>Must follow disclosure requirements, complete verification, and direct certification as normal</p> <p>All meals served to children under SSO are free</p>	<p>May collect and process applications as part of normal operations</p> <p>Must follow disclosure requirements, complete verification, and direct certification as normal</p>
<b>Meal Pattern</b>	NSLP/SBP meal patterns	NSLP/SBP meal patterns
<b>Meal Service Times</b>	No restrictions on time between meals or length of service	No restrictions on time between meals or length of service
<b>Non-Congregate Feeding</b>	Meals and snacks may be taken and consumed off-site	Meals and snacks may be taken and consumed off-site
<b>Parent Meal Pick Up</b>	Parent/guardian may pick up meals	Parent/guardian may pick up meals
<b>Applications</b>	<p>Apply through the Child Nutrition Portal</p> <p>Sponsors will apply in the 2020-21 school year first. Once approved, sponsors will re-apply in the 2021-22 school year. Sponsors will submit SSO site applications.</p>	<p>Apply through the Child Nutrition Portal</p> <p>Sponsors will apply in the 2021-22 school year and submit SNP site applications.</p>
<b>FFVP</b>	May apply and serve if awarded	May apply and serve if awarded
<b>ASP</b>	May apply and serve – waiver for area eligibility applicable	May apply and serve – waiver for area eligibility applicable

Note: This chart is only applicable for School Year 2021-22 based on Nationwide waivers. For more information, please visit the CDE School Nutrition [Back to School Guidance Webpage](#).

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