

Serving Federally Reimbursable Meals on Non-School Days

WEEKENDS, HOLIDAYS, AND UNANTICIPATED CLOSURES

When schools close, students may not have access to the nutritious meals normally provided during the school day.

To ensure students do not experience a lapse in food security, No Kid Hungry Virginia, the USDA, and the Virginia Department of Education encourage all CACFP, SFSP, and SSO sponsors to plan and serve meals during scheduled and unanticipated school closures.

AT-A-GLANCE

A QUICK LOOK AT OUT OF SCHOOL TIME NUTRITION PROGRAMS



The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) allow organizations to serve in the summertime, including weekends. Only non-school sites and sponsors with approved waivers may serve during unanticipated school closures.



The At-Risk Afterschool Meals component of the CACFP allows for meal service on weekends, holidays, and inclement weather days during the school year.

SCENARIO	SFSP/SSO	CACFP
Unanticipated school closures	✓	✓
Summertime, including weekends	✓	
Weekends during school year		✓
Scheduled holidays & vacations		✓

Want to get started?

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More than 14% of children in Virginia live in “food insecure” homes. That phrase may sound mild, but it means that those households don’t have enough food for every family member to lead a healthy life.

Together, with our partners, No Kid Hungry Virginia works to ensure all children have access to the nutrition they need to grow and thrive.

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WEEKENDS

Organizations and schools can serve meals on weekends during the school year through The At-Risk Afterschool Meals component of the CACFP. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) allow for meal service on weekends during the summer.

At-Risk Afterschool Meals component of the CACFP

Programs must provide educational or enrichment activities, and be located in an attendance area of a school where at least 50% or more of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. A site's area eligibility determination made under CACFP is valid for 5 years.

Meals and snacks are only reimbursed if served on **weekends during the regular school year**. These meals and snacks are reimbursed through the CACFP at the free rate.

Summer Weekends

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) allow organizations and schools to serve during weekends over the summer. The SFSP per-meal reimbursement rate is higher than the CACFP At-Risk rate. Enrichment activities are encouraged, but not required.

HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS



Organizations and schools can serve meals on federal holidays, school vacations, and on any other non-school day during the school year through the **At-Risk Afterschool Meals component of the CACFP**.



The same eligibility and enrichment requirements apply, and meals are reimbursed at the same rates as all other CACFP At-Risk meals.

UNANTICIPATED CLOSURES

At-Risk Afterschool Meals component of the CACFP

Unanticipated school closures can include events like snow days, natural disasters, loss of power, and labor-management disputes. Such closures prevent children from receiving nutritious meals normally received during the school day. Program sponsors already participating in **the At-Risk Afterschool Meals component of the CACFP** may continue serving meals.



The same area eligibility and enrichment activity requirements apply.

Summer Meals

SFSP and SSO operation may only extend into the school year during an unanticipated school closures **at non-school sites**. School sites must submit and be approved for a waiver with Food Nutrition Services in order to continue SFSP or SSO meal service during unanticipated school closures.