



Site Eligibility and Types

Sponsors may operate the SFSP at one or more sites, for any period during the summer months as long as the site and meal services have been approved by MDE prior to the start of the site operating. Sponsors may have different site types that serve different meals. When more than one sponsor operates in a community, the sponsors should work together to ensure needs are met without duplicating services. MDE can assist sponsors in determining the appropriate site types and related eligibility documentation.

Open Sites

Meals are made available to all children in the area on a first-come, first-serve basis. Open sites must be located within the attendance area of a school that has 50% or more of its children eligible for free and reduced price meals (i.e. School Data) or within a census area that qualifies. Schools with academic summer school are required to be open to the community.

Meals Eligible for Reimbursement: breakfast, lunch, supper, snack.

Open, Restricted Open, and Closed Enrolled Sites can choose to serve up to 2 meal services per day in any combination other than lunch and supper on the same day. Camps and migrant sites may serve up to 3 meal services per day.

Closed Enrolled Sites

Meals are made available to only the enrolled group of children attending the site. Many times this site type is selected because the site is offering programs geared toward a specific group of children. Closed enrolled sites are eligible based on least 50% of the children enrolled must be considered to be low-income. Sponsors are required to keep enrollment records and participant eligibility documentation each month to verify that at least 50% of the children are eligible.

Camp Sites

Camps can be residential or nonresidential day camps that offer regularly scheduled food service as part of an organized program for enrolled children. Unlike open, restricted open, and closed enrolled sites, sponsors of both residential and nonresidential camps do not have to establish area eligibility. However, they must collect and maintain participant eligibility documentation (Household Applications for Free Meals). Camps are only reimbursed for those enrolled children who meet the free eligibility standards.

Migrant Sites

These sites can operate like area-eligible open or restricted open sites and are reimbursed for meals served to all attending children. Migrant status is confirmed annually by having the Sponsor obtain Certificates of Eligibility from a migrant organization that certifies that the site serves a majority of children of migrant workers.

Participant Eligibility for Closed Enrolled and Camp Sites

There are a few of ways to determine participant eligibility for Closed Enrolled and Camp Sites. Some methods depend on the Program being offered. In most cases, participant eligibility is determined through Household Applications collected from the families OR by obtaining documentation from a school district participating in the National School Lunch Program. More information regarding participant eligibility based on site type and program can be found on the SFSP website under **How to Determine Site Eligibility**.

Determining Eligibility Using School and Census Data

Sponsors may use free and reduced data from elementary, middle or high schools to qualify SFSP sites. The site must be located within the attendance area of a school that has at least 50% of its children eligible for free and reduced price meals. If not located within an eligible attendance area, sponsors may look at census data to see if the potential site(s) qualifies. The USDA Capacity Builder Mapping Tool can assist sponsors in making eligibility determinations and locating eligible areas within their community: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/capacitybuilder>. To view more census data map options visit the **How to Determine Site Eligibility** page on the the SFSP website.