



Indiana Department of Education

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Public Notification Related to PY 2022 SFSP Waivers

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) Office of School and Community Nutrition (SCN) announced today that it will request statewide waivers from the Food and Nutrition Service of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) of statutory and regulatory requirements in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), in accordance with federal guidance. The waivers relate to the SFSP flexibilities and policies that were rescinded through several previous policy memoranda issued by the FNS.

The following waiver requests have been submitted to the USDA for consideration on February 15, 2022:

- **Request # 1 - First Week Site Visits Requirement** at 7 CFR 225.15(d)(2); *applicable only to SFSP sponsors*
- **Request # 2 - Applications for Closed Enrolled Sites Requirement** at 42 U.S.C.1761(a)(1)(A)(i)(III) and 7 CFR 225.15(f); *applicable to both SFSP and SSO sponsors*
- **Request # 3 - Offer Versus Serve Requirement** at 42 U.S.C.1761(f)(7) and 7 CFR 225.16(f)(1)(ii); *applicable to only SFSP sponsors*
- **Request # 4 - Meal Service Time Restrictions Requirements** under 7 CFR 225.16(c)(1) and (c)(2); *applicable to both SFSP and SSO sponsors; includes the length of time that must pass between meals and the duration of the mealtimes, with approval to be determined by the IDOE on a case-by-case basis*

IDOE is seeking these waivers to reinstate the rescinded flexibilities that allow more effective and cost-efficient SFSP operations while reducing the administrative burden for both, SFSP sponsors and the State Agency. Therefore, Indiana SFSP sponsors do not need to request individual waivers.

Notice about waiver requests will be provided to all sponsors via February edition of the SFSP digital newsletter and posted on the SFSP public website. Sponsors will be notified again using the same method once the USDA makes its determination on the waivers.