3-5 year old Meal Service in School District Settings

Program; Meal Pattern and Service Style Requirements

Site or Classroom Serves 3-5 year old children
Choose the option that best serves the classroom or Early Learning Center Site.

SBP/ NSLP Option
Breakfast and Lunch Only - No Snack Option
Students must be enrolled in the school district

Students will be counted in district F/R Percentage for Child Nutrition Programs including Community Eligibility Provision, Area Eligiblity ,etc.

Characterisitics of Enrolled Students:
Students have a state student ID or district ID number

Students/data are reported to CEDARS

School district receives state or federal funding for these students

School district contracts for and receives the funding for the

SBP/NSLP Option

Co-Mingled Meal Service
Students will eat in the cafeteria with K-12 students and are co-mingled for the SBP/NSLP Meal Service following the NSLP/SBP Meal Pattern.

Use NSLP meal pattern for K-5 with OVS or Serve Only

Classroom Meal Service

Meal Service is to student classroom by way of tray service or family style.

Use the pre-school age 3-5 meal pattern with Pre-portioned Meal Service or Family Style Meal Service

Claim Meals i the SBP and NSLP

Optional

If morning or afternoon sna ks are desired, participation in the CACFP i required for snack service. Depending on pro ram, study month for snack may be required.

School districts with Food Service Management Company contracts can particiapte in the CACFP when the contract was bid for meal service under the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Before making any decisions, check contract.

CACFP Option

Students will eat in the classrom with either Pre-portioned Meal Service or Family Style Meal Service. Age appropriate CACFP meal pattern is used and students will receive a morning or afternoon snack.

Use CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements Use Pre-portioned Meal Service OR Family Style Service

Claim Meals & Snacks in CACFP

Requires WINS CACFP Application

CACFP Option
Breakfast, Lunch, Morning and Afternoon Snack Option

Must do a study month for eligibility/claiming
Must attend CACFP annual training.

Unenrolled Students:
Must use when students are not enrolled in the school district. Use when the contractor/organization receiving funds is NOT the school district. None of the characeristics of enrolled students fit this group of students.

Students will NOT be counted in the district F/R Percentage for Child Nutrition Programs including Community Eligibility Provision, Area Eligibilty, etc.

May also use if students are enrolled in the school district– If the classroom includes non-ECEAP children, a study month must be completed*.

Contractors/Vended Meals and Agreements/Claiming- The school district and the contractor can decide who will hold the program agreement and claim meals. The organization that claims the meals is responsible for the following program requirements:
WINS Agreement, Claims, Administrative Reviews, Point of Service Meal Counts, Study Month, Training both Child Nutrition and staff training, Menu compliance and all record keeping requirements.

If the decision is made to have the school district vend meals, a vended meal agreement is required and must be approved by Child Nutrition Services.

* Study Months
A study month is only required when there is a mixed classroom that includes both ECEAP and community children. A study month then must be done, even if only snacks are claimed. If the classroom is ECEAP only, a study month is NOT required. ECEAP children that are on the grantee agency's ECEAP eligible list are categorically eligible for free meals.