

## Site Definitions and Eligibility Documentation

### Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option Site Types

A site is a physical location where program meals are served and where children consume meals in a supervised setting. Eligible sites are those that serve children in low-income areas or those that serve specific groups of low-income children. Learn more about site types in the [USDA’s Summer Food Service Program Handbook, Administrative Guidance for Sponsors](#).

**School sites that offer summer school must operate as open sites**, described below.

- Academic summer programs funded by state education revenue are considered summer school. For example, targeted services, alternative learning programs, etc.
- A school site that offers summer school and is not eligible to be an open site or does not want to operate as such can continue to claim meals served to summer school participants only through the National School Lunch Program.

Site Classification	Site Definition/Eligibility Requirements	Eligibility Documentation
Open*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is located in an area in which at least 50 percent of the children are from households that would be eligible for free or reduced price school meals.</li> <li>• Offers meals to all children in the area on a first-come, first-serve basis.</li> <li>• Information regarding the meal service must be publicized in the community served.</li> <li>• Sponsors are reimbursed for complete meals served to all children.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Data</li> <li>• Census Block Group Data</li> </ul>
Restricted Open*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same definition/eligibility requirements as an Open Site.</li> <li>• When publicizing meal service information, sponsors must make known that the site is open to all children, but meal service will be limited due to one of the reasons below.</li> <li>• ‘Restricted’ means that:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The site is initially open to all, but meal service is limited for reasons of space, security, safety, or control.</li> <li>○ Meal service <i>may not</i> be limited to a particular group of children.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Data</li> <li>• Census Block Group Data</li> </ul>
Closed Enrolled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is located in an area in which at least 50 percent of the children are from households that would be eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.</li> </ul> <p><b>Or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 50 percent of the children enrolled at the site are eligible for free or reduced price school meals.</li> <li>• Offers meals to an identified group of children enrolled at the site, not open to the community.</li> <li>• Reimbursed for complete meals served to the identified group of children.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Data</li> <li>• Census Block Group Data</li> <li>• Household Income Statements</li> </ul>
Residential Summer Camp and Non-Residential Day Camps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reimbursed only for meals served to campers who have been individually determined to be eligible for free or reduced-price school meals, based upon household income statements.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Data</li> <li>• Household Income Statements</li> </ul>

**\*Migrant Sites** may also participate in the Summer Food Service Program or Seamless Summer Option. A migrant organization must certify that the site serves a majority of children of migrant workers. If the site also serves non-migrant children, the sponsor must also certify that the site *predominantly* serves migrant children. The site is classified and must operate as an open or restricted open site.