



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Principals

FROM: Donna Davis
Director, Office of Health and Nutrition

DATE: February 27, 2024

RE: USDA Seamless Summer Option and Summer Break Café

Thousands of children across South Carolina are eligible for free or reduced meals. The breakfast and lunch meals provided to them at school are often the only ones they have on a given day. Unfortunately, many of these same children do not have access to meals during the summer. The USDA Seamless Summer Option and Summer Break Café (Summer Food Service Program) help provide meals to children who need them most. We are requesting your assistance in expanding access to meals for these children this summer.

If your schools are already participating in either program, thank you! For information regarding the Summer Food Service Program, please visit the following link: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program>. If you would like to apply to become a Seamless Summer Option, visit <https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/seamless-summer-and-other-options-schools>. We encourage your participation this summer by establishing sites in multiple locations to increase accessibility. In counties with schools as the sole meal site, many families lose accessibility when they close during the summer. Some counties have SCDE-approved non-profit organizations operating meal sites at libraries, churches, and parks. Working together and collaborating with these organizations to identify needs and establish sites will increase the accessibility of summer meals to families.

We appreciate your help in feeding the children of South Carolina. If you have any questions, please contact your Education Associate or Donna Davis, Director of the Office of Health and Nutrition at ddavis@ed.sc.gov or (803) 734-0080.