

SUMMER BREAKSPOT FAQS FOR FLORIDA SCHOOLS, DISTRICTS AND PARTNERS

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Below are frequently asked questions regarding the Summer BreakSpot Program in Florida.



What is the Summer BreakSpot Program?

Florida's Summer BreakSpot Program provides nutritious meals at no cost to children 18 and under while school is out for the summer. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) partners with schools, nonprofit organizations and government entities, such as parks and libraries, to provide these free meals to kids and teens vulnerable to food insecurity during the summer when schools are closed.

How is Summer BreakSpot funded?

The Summer BreakSpot Program, also known as the Summer Food Service Program or Summer Seamless Option, is **federally funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)** and, in Florida, administered by FDACS.

Summer BreakSpot sites – where kids go to receive meals – are locally operated by partners (such as schools, nonprofit organizations and government entities) who provide the meals, then receive reimbursement from the USDA.

How many meals are served through Summer BreakSpot?

During Summer 2024, **more than 10.1 million meals** were served to kids and teens across Florida at Summer BreakSpot sites.

Local Facts & Figures

In Summer _____, _____ Summer BreakSpot sites across _____
(year) (number) _____ (county/city)
served kids _____ free meals.
(number)

During the _____ - _____ school year at _____:
(years) (school/district's name)

1. _____ students relied on their schools for free or reduced-price meals throughout the week
(number) via the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
2. _____ meals were served through NSLP
(number)

Where is Summer BreakSpot available?

Summer BreakSpot is available to kids and teens 18 and under across Florida. Each summer, FDACS provides a Site Map on SummerBreakSpot.org to help Florida families find their nearest meal site.



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What meals are served at Summer BreakSpot sites?

Summer BreakSpot sites serve nutritionally balanced meals that meet USDA guidelines.

Breakfasts include:

- 1 serving of milk
- 1 serving of fruits or vegetables
- 1 serving of grains

Lunches/Suppers include:

- 1 serving of milk
- 2 servings of fruits and/or vegetables
- 1 serving of grains
- 1 serving of protein

Snacks include two of the following:

- 1 serving of milk
- 1 serving of fruits or vegetables
- 1 serving of grains
- 1 serving of protein

What are the requirements for children to participate?

Summer BreakSpot meals are available to all kids and teens 18 years old and under in Florida. No application process and no proof of income are required.

How can businesses/organizations participate in Summer BreakSpot?

Summer BreakSpot offers two ways for nonprofit organizations, business foundations and more to participate in the program. Partners can fill one or both roles outlined below.

- 1. Site Location:** Provide a physical location where Florida kids and teens come to receive a meal over the summer. FDACS will pair your site with a sponsor/partner who will provide the meals and handle all operations of the program.
- 2. Community Sponsor/Partner:** Manage the Summer BreakSpot site operations, provide meals for the site and receive reimbursement from the USDA after all summer meals have been dispersed.

Who can be a Community Sponsor/Partner to Summer BreakSpot?

Businesses, units of local government, camps, schools and private nonprofit organizations can all become Summer BreakSpot community sponsors/partners. If your organization already provides services to the community and has capable staff and good management practices to run a food service program, you're likely a great fit!

Learn more at SummerBreakSpot.org