

# Waiver Request from the Connecticut State Department of Education to the U.S. Department of Agriculture

## Waivers for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) for Summer 2024

### Summary

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is requesting waivers for certain statutory or regulatory requirements for SFSP and SSO sponsors in good standing for 2024 summer operations (May 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024). These requests are intended to provide flexibility for sponsors to improve summer meals operations during specific circumstances.

### Waiver Requests

The CSDE is requesting the waivers for summer 2024 below for SFSP and SSO sponsors in good standing.

- **Air quality advisories effective May 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024:** Allow waivers for non-congregate meal service, parent/guardian meal pick up, and meal service times for approved outdoor meal sites without alternative indoor sites as non-congregate sites on days when the area is experiencing certain air quality advisories.
- **Offer versus serve (OVS) effective May 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024:** Allow a waiver for OVS so that SFSP sponsors may use SFSP OVS meal service parameters by non-school food authority (SFA) sponsors on a case-by-case basis.
- **School closures effective through June 30, 2024:** Allow waivers for non-congregate meal service, parent/guardian meal pick up, meal service times, and service of meals at school sites when schools are closed and congregate meal service operations are limited due to natural disasters, unscheduled major building repairs, court orders relating to school safety or other issues, labor-management disputes, or, when approved by the state agency, for a similar unanticipated cause.



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