Monthly Update

Summer Food Service Program

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Thank You for a Great Summer 2026!

The KSDE Child Nutrition & Wellness team extends our sincere appreciation for your dedication to serving nutritious meals to Kansas children. Your commitment plays a vital role in supporting food security and helping children stay nourished throughout the summer months. Based on preliminary data, SFSP sponsors and sites across Kansas served **161,079 breakfasts, 382,639 lunches, 25,560 snacks, and 579 suppers** during summer 2026 – and there are still claims left to be filed! These numbers demonstrate the incredible impact of your efforts in communities statewide. Thank you for your care, hard work, and dedication! We look forward to partnering with you again in 2027.

SFSP Reimbursement Claim Reminders

Original and upward revisions are due within 60 days of the end of the claiming month. For the summer months, these deadlines are as follows:

- July claim due by 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, 09/29/2026
- August claim due by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, 10/30/2026

Please note that voucher dates are not dependent on or altered by claim due dates. Vouchers are typically posted on the first and third Tuesdays of each month between 8 and 9:30 a.m. This allows direct deposit payments to be made on Fridays, as posting of vouchers is a four-business-day process before payment is received via ACH direct deposit (if ACH is not set up, physical checks are mailed on Thursdays of the vouchering week). Site and Sponsor Claims in "Approved" status by 8 a.m. on each applicable Tuesday will be batched and paid that corresponding Friday. Multiple claims can be paid in one batch. For questions regarding claims or meal reimbursement payments, please contact Dessa Gifford, Public Service Administrator for School Finance, at (785) 296-4965 or dessa.gifford@ksde.gov.

2026 Turnip the Beet! Awards & Nomination Packet

USDA's Food and Nutrition Administration is pleased to share the 2026 Turnip the Beet! Nomination Packet. The Turnip the Beet! Award recognizes outstanding Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option sponsors across the nation who work hard to offer children high-quality meals that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious during the summer months. This recognition supports Agriculture Secretary Rollins' commitment to encouraging healthy choices, healthy outcomes, and healthy families. Nominations must be sent by the State agency to the appropriate FNA Regional Office no later than October 2.

If you have questions or need technical assistance, please contact your child nutrition consultant or call the Child Nutrition & Wellness office at (785) 296-2276.

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