

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

FOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM 2017

Tucson Unified School District Food Services Department will sponsor a **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) beginning Monday, June 5, 2017 and ending Friday, June 30, 2017**. Meal service to T.U.S.D. high schools and associated sites may begin on **Tuesday, May 30, 2017**. Meal service to NON-High School sites may begin on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 with special approval. During the regular school year, TUSD Food Services serves 25,800 students daily at lunch who qualify for free and reduced-priced meals. This nutritional assistance ends when summer vacation begins. The SFSP attempts to partially bridge this summer gap in children meeting their nutritional needs. Our goal is to serve nutritious meals to as many children as possible that would benefit from this program with the intent to help them maintain and improve their nutritional status during the summer. The federally funded and state monitored Summer Food Service Program provides free lunches and/or breakfasts to qualifying programs for children 18 years of age or younger.

The SFSP meal service can be provided at TUSD schools where 50% or more of the enrolled students are eligible for free and reduced-price meals during the school year. Participation requirements include: a minimum of 50 participants at each meal offered, an appropriate area to serve the meals and an adequate space for the children to eat. A TUSD employee will serve the meal and complete the required meal documentation. TUSD sites that would like to have meal service but have participation levels below the minimum required level should call the SFSP Coordinator to discuss if there are serving sites nearby or other possible options. A program will be discontinued within 3 days after participation minimum numbers are unmet. This provides a recruitment time in which your program can work towards reestablishing the minimum required levels.

If you are planning a summer educational or recreational program and would like to apply for the Summer Food Service Program, please complete the enclosed SFSP application form and return it or fax it to TUSD Food Services Department by **April 7, 2017**. If there is a reasonable chance your summer program will take place, but funding or other decisions still have to be finalized, please return the completed application with as much information as you know and indicate "tentative." Please identify other non-TUSD programs you have approved that operate at your school.

Other important support department contact numbers that may be helpful as you coordinate planning for your school to be open offering a summer program are Human Resources 225-6035, Custodial Services 225-4619, Transportation 225-4800, Engineering and Bonds 225-4804 and Rentals Coordinator 225-4605.

The TUSD Food Services team looks forward to working with you in offering the Summer Food Service Program for our school communities' children. If you have further questions, please call Vivian Frias at 225-4702.