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CCSD taking site applications for 2022 free summer meals program

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Charleston, SC – The summer can be exciting for many children and teenagers, filled with vacations, camps, and relaxation. But for others who rely on daily school meals, it can be a stressful time when you don't know where your next meal will come from. About 25,000 students – or half of Charleston County School District's (CCSD) total enrollment – qualify for free or reduced priced school meal.

CCSD's Seamless Summer Feeding Program (SSFP) works to fill the nutrition gap when school is out for summer. Last summer, CCSD served more than 289,000 free breakfast and lunch meals at 129 sites.

For nine weeks this summer, the CCSD's Nutrition Services Department will again provide free breakfast and lunch to approved sites in Charleston County through the SSFP.

The program starts Monday, June 6, 2022, and will run through Friday, August 5, 2022 (closed weekends and Monday, July 4, 2022).

Breakfast and homemade hot lunches are prepared at one of 10 meal preparation locations (CCSD school kitchens/cafeterias). Representatives from approved summer sites, including schools, camps, community and recreation centers, and churches, can pick up their free meals daily at one of these 10 locations.

Any child or teen 18 years old or younger is eligible for a free breakfast and/or lunch. There is no approval process for individual children because the site itself already qualifies to receive the free summer meals. All necessary serving and eating utensils, plates, napkins, and condiments are provided.

Meals are available for pick-up at approved sites throughout Charleston County, including McClellanville, North Charleston, James Island, Johns Island, Hollywood, downtown Charleston, and West Ashley.

Applying to become a site that receives free meals is simple. Visit CCSD's Seamless Summer Feeding Program page through the district [website](#); information available includes [site eligibility map](#), [site application](#), menu, training dates, the 10 meal pick-up locations (schools), and FAQs.

The deadline for submitting an application is Monday, May 2, 2022.

For more information about CCSD's SSFP, please contact CCSD Nutrition Services Officer Jeremy Tunstill at (843) 297-2240 or jeremy_tunstill@charleston.k12.sc.us.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 49,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military.