

**Alabama State Department of Education
Child Nutrition Programs
Summer Food Service Program
Criteria for Approving Closed-Enrolled Sites**

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is intended to provide free meals to as many children as possible in low-income areas at community sites when schools are closed for regular instruction. An open site serves meals to all children in low-income areas. A closed-enrolled site serves only the children who are enrolled at the site for a particular purpose, such as a YMCA recreational summer program, activities for a school or community athletic team, or a faith-based organization providing planned activities. An application for an SFSP closed enrolled site may be approved only if it meets criteria to demonstrate its existence does not limit access for other children in the area where the site is located.

Requirements for a Closed-Enrolled Site

The application for a closed-enrolled site must demonstrate it meets one of the four following options for establishing eligibility:

Individual Eligibility Option

1. At least 50 percent of the enrolled children at the site are determined to be eligible for free or reduced-price school meals under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or the School Breakfast Program (SBP) through the collection and review of free meal applications.
2. At least 50 percent of the children enrolled at the site are eligible for free or reduced-price schools under the NSLP or SBP, based on individual eligibility information of enrolled participants obtained from the local School Food Authority (SFA).

Area Eligibility Options

3. At least 50 percent of the enrolled children in the attendance area of a school have been determined eligible for free or reduced-price school meals under the NSLP or SBP.
4. At least 50 percent of the children residing in a geographic area where, based on the most recent census data available or information provided by a department of welfare or zoning commission, are eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the NSLP and SBP.

If an area eligibility option is selected, additional documentation of one of the following is required:

1. An open site operating in close proximity to the closed enrolled site.
2. A recurring or ongoing safety concern in the immediate vicinity of the site.

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Appendix: Link to Resources

[7 CFR 225.2 Definition of an Area in Which Poor Economic Conditions Exist](#)

[7 CFR 225.6\(a\)\(2\)\(iv\) State Agency Criteria for Approving a Closed Enrolled Site](#)