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Re-Introducing Non-Congregate Meal Service for Summer 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Child Nutrition Department is excited to announce the re-launch of Non-Congregate Meal Service during our 2024 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). This service aims to ensure more children have access to nutritious meals during the summer months, including the weekends. This service is similar to the meal bundles provided during the peak of the pandemic.

Service Details:

Location: McQueeney Elem. Drop-off Loop

Start Date: Monday, June 3rd

End Date: Thursday, August 1st

Service Days: Mondays and Thursdays

Time: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Mondays

Provide Breakfast and Lunch meals for **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.**

Thursdays

Provide Breakfast and Lunch meals for **Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.**

All children ages 1 to 18 can receive free meals at any of our Summer sites.

No meal service from July 1st - 5th, when Seguin ISD is closed for the 4th of July holiday.

Non-Congregate meal bundles will be provided refrigerated or frozen with at-home heating instructions if needed. The meals provided in the bundles are intended for use beginning the following day after receiving them. For same-day hot meals prepared by our talented Child Nutrition staff, please visit any other Summer site, such as **Park West!**

We look forward to serving our community and keeping our children healthy and well-fed this Summer. If you have any questions or want to provide feedback about how we can better meet your needs, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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What is Non-Congregate Meal Service and How it Works:

Congregate Vs. Non-Congregate

- **Congregate** – All children eat together as a community at the site where the meal is provided. This is the required method at all of our other SFSP sites.
- **Non-Congregate** – Children are allowed to take meals offsite. Special approval has been granted from TDA for us to provide Non-Congregate service at McQueeney.

Grab & Go Meal Bundles: We will provide convenient grab-and-go meal bundles containing breakfast and lunch for multiple days. We will serve the meals curbside for a convenient pick-up method for parents/guardians. Any child 1 to 18 (or 21 with disability) can receive free meals during the Summer.

Child Presence Required: Parents/guardians must bring their children in the car to pick up the meals. This is to avoid a pre-registration process that would prohibit us from serving meals to anyone who did not sign up before the meal service.

Two Weekly Distributions: Meal bundles will be available twice a week from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM:

- **Monday Distribution:** Meals for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
- **Thursday Distribution:** Meals for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

One Bundle Per Child Per Day: For all sites, each child can receive one meal per meal service per day. For Non-congregate service, each child present can receive one meal bundle per distribution day. If a bundle is received, the same child should not get another meal from a different site for the same day.

- For example, a child receives a Monday meal bundle for Tues, Wed, Thurs;
- The same child then goes to Park West for Lunch on Tuesday.

Technically, this child received two lunches for Tuesday – one from the bundle and one from Park West. Each child can only receive one meal per meal service per day. We appreciate the integrity of our parents/guardians to help all of Texas successfully operate the SFSP!

Additional Information:

Meal Instructions Provided: Each bundle will include instructions for the recommended combination of food items for each meal to meet the USDA meal pattern. All food items provided in the bundles will be room temp, refrigerated, or frozen. *We recommend bringing an insulated grocery bag or small cooler that can fit a full-standard grocery bag.*

Heating Instructions: Food items will either be ready to eat, require thawing, or need heating. We will include instructions for food items that need to be thawed or heated (microwave or oven) to enjoy safely and at the best quality.

Why McQueeney? One of the USDA requirements to operate a Non-Congregate site is that the location has to be outside a 2-mile radius of another SFSP site. Since we have several sites within Seguin, McQueeney Elementary is the only Seguin ISD campus that currently meets this requirement. Operating out of a campus will help us stay organized and keep all food products at a safe temperature. The drop-off loop will also help ensure an easy and efficient experience for parents/guardians.