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Non-Congregate Meal Service for Summer 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Child Nutrition Department is excited to announce the re-launch of Non-Congregate Meal Service during our 2025 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. This year, we will have two locations to provide access to the northern and southern areas of our community:

Service Details:

Location: Vogel Elem. Bus Loop
Address: 16121 FM725, Seguin, TX 78155
Date: June 2nd - July 31st
Service Days: Mondays and Thursdays
Time: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Mondays

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

Thursdays

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

Location: McQueeney Elem. Drop-off Loop
Address: 8860 FM725, McQueeney, TX 78123
Date: June 5th - July 31st
Service Days: Thursdays Only thru June 19th,
then Mondays & Thursday starting June 23rd
Time: 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Thursdays (thru June 19)

Breakfast and Lunch meals for
Friday, Saturday, Sunday.

**Starting June 23rd – Mondays & Thursdays
(same as Vogel)**

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

No meal service from June 30th to July 3rd

Non-congregate meal bundles will be provided cold, with refrigerated and frozen items, along 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 would like to provide feedback on how we can better meet your needs, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely, Jacob Galvan - Director of Child Nutrition

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 off-site. Special approval has been granted from TDA for us to provide Non-Congregate service at Vogel and McQueeney.
- **Hybrid** – McQueeney is operating as a Hybrid site this summer, serving Congregate-style breakfast and lunch meals Monday through Thursday, and then offering Non-Congregate meal bundles on Thursday to be consumed Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Once summer school finishes, McQueeney will operate only as a Non-Congregate site beginning on June 23rd.

Grab & Go Meal Bundles: We will provide convenient grab-and-go meal bundles containing breakfast and lunch for multiple days. Meals will be served 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 Identification Required: Parents/guardians must bring their children or present identification information (*student ID for district or child care center, birth certificate, report card*) to pick up meals during each service. 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. Once the initial child verification has been conducted, we will provide a car placard that can be presented during future meal services to pick up bundles for the number of children verified.

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 on 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 in helping 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 be either ready to eat, require thawing, or need to be heated. We will include instructions for food items that require thawing or heating (in the microwave or oven) to enjoy safely and at their best quality.

Why Vogel and 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, Vogel and McQueeney Elementary are the only Seguin ISD campuses that meet 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 ensure a smooth and efficient experience for parents and guardians.