

**Immediate Release**

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## Media Release

### Deadline for Seamless Summer Feeding Program Approaching

**Charleston, SC** - The deadline for sites to apply that are interested in receiving and serving free summer meals to kids and teens is Friday, May 5, 2017.

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Charleston County School District's (CCSD) Nutrition Services Department will provide free breakfast and lunch meals to approved sites through its Seamless Summer Feeding Program (SSFP). The program starts on June 6, 2017 and ends on August 4, 2017. SSFP operates Monday through Friday (no weekends) and will be closed July 4.

Breakfast and home-made hot lunch meals are prepared at one of eleven meal preparation sites (CCSD school kitchens/cafeterias). Approved summer sites (schools, camps, community and recreation centers, churches, etc.) pick up their breakfast and lunch meals on a daily basis from one of these locations. All necessary serving and eating utensils, plates, napkins, and condiments are provided along with the meals.

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

Applying to become a site that receives free breakfast and lunch meals is simple. Just go to [www.ccsdschools.com](http://www.ccsdschools.com), click on "[Nutrition Services](#)" under the "Divisions" tab, and then click on "[Summer Meals](#)."

CCSD's SSFP [website](#) has everything necessary to get started including: a [site eligibility map](#), dates of operation, [site application](#), menu, training dates, the 11 meal pick-up sites (schools), and FAQs.

The following are statistics from the 2016 CCSD SSFP:

- Served 277,885 free breakfasts and lunches over nine weeks

- Served 159 sites across Charleston County
- Of those 159 sites, 47 were churches or faith-based organizations; 49 were schools; and 63 were varied sites like community outreach centers, apartment complexes, and city parks and recreation centers
- The average number of children and/or teens per site served was 54

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#### **About the Charleston County School District**

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools that span 1,000 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 86 schools and several specialized programs. With approximately 6,100 employees district-wide, CCSD is the fourth largest employer in the region.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, charter, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), and Montessori schools, and is divided into three Learning Communities led by associate superintendents. Options include specialized programs in science, engineering and mathematics; liberal arts; music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military and other public service enterprises.