

NSLP/SBP Exemptions and Waivers

Contracting entities (CEs) may be exempt from specified program requirements if the CE (1) meets certain criteria, (2) submits information to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) as required, and (3) is approved for the exemption/waiver. Questions about any of the exemptions/waivers on this list may be submitted by email to SNPWaivers@TexasAgriculture.gov. The exemption/waiver topic should be recorded in the email subject line.

Exemption/Waiver Topic and Purpose		Location of Web-Based Jotform	Explanation and Guidance in the <i>Administrator's Reference Manual (ARM)</i>
Gender Separation	Operate a gender-separated meal service	https://form.jotform.com/52364438379162	Section 3, Civil Rights & Confidentiality
Hiring Professional Standards for CEs with a Total Enrollment of 500 or Less	Apply alternate hiring standards for a School Nutrition Program (SNP) director	https://www.jotform.com/211313702820138	Section 27, Professional Standards
Lunch Meal Time	Operate lunch meal service outside of the required meal times	https://form.jotform.com/82626760774163	Section 21, Meal Service
Residential Child Care Institution (RCCI) Age/Grade Group Meal Pattern or Milk Choice	Serve the same age/grade group meal pattern or type of milk to all students	https://form.jotform.com/82884854274168	Section 28, Residential Child Care Institutions
Seamless Summer Option Age/Grade Group Meal Pattern Portion Size	Serve only one age/grade group meal pattern at a summer meal site	https://form.jotform.com/80646078873165	Section 11, Summer Meals
Technology-Based Confirmation	Use an electronic confirmation review process	https://form.jotform.com/211119025825145	Section 6, Verification of Eligibility
Universal Breakfast	Waive required breakfast service (Texas law)	https://form.jotform.com/60696374325159	Section 7, Breakfast Programs
Vending Machines to Dispense Reimbursable Meals	Use a vending machine to dispense a reimbursable meal	https://form.jotform.com/82886276074166	Section 21, Meal Service