



Staying on Track: Questions & Answers

Answers to the questions asked in HNS' **April 2026 Staying on Track: Summed Edition webinar**. Please note, operators are responsible for remaining up-to-date on program guidance/regulations. The following answers reflect the information available at the time of the live webinar and may be subject to change.

STAYING ON TRACK: SUMMER EDITION

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: The summer meal toolkit that was sent out from HNS last week has 2024 summer handouts attached to the link. Is it okay to use them this year or will there be new ones coming out?

A: The summer meals toolkits use Arizona's established summer meals branding, which has been in place for several years. The toolkits were last refreshed in 2025 and now combine Arizona's recognizable summer meals branding with USDA's SUN Meals logos. These are acceptable for use this year.

Additionally, last week Health and Nutrition Services (HNS) sent a SUN Bucks resource email, and it linked to USDA's SUN Programs resources, which currently include resources dated 2024. These materials are appropriate to use for SUN Bucks promotion.

This combined approach helps reinforce that these programs are connected, while maintaining consistent statewide recognition. HNS recommends:

- Using USDA-branded materials for SUN Bucks outreach, and
- Using the Arizona summer meals toolkit materials for Summer Food Service Program/Seamless Summer Option promotion.

Q: If a school received an Administrative Review (AR) this past School Year 2025-2026, will the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) program get reviewed this summer?

A: Yes, HNS reviews SSO operators in the summer following their School Year NSLP AR.

Q: Can you please clarify if and when a site can offer a congregate and non-congregate meal service?

A: If the meal services occur at different times, eligible rural sites may offer a congregate and non-congregate meal service. For example, a site could provide a congregate breakfast followed by a non-congregate lunch, ensuring each meal service type occurs at different times. For more detailed guidance and information, please review the following reference sheet: [Operating Both Congregate and Non-Congregate at the Same Site](#).