

Nebraska Rural Noncongregate Summer Meals: WEST POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS



The rural non-congregate (RNC) Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) option allows eligible rural sponsors to distribute multiple meals at a time to children 1-18 through grab-and-go or delivery from an SFSP site. This is one sponsor's experience.



Where: West Point Public Schools, West Point, NE

Who: Michele Faubel, Business Manager & Becky Luebbert, Nutrition Director, West Point Public Schools and Team

Model: Delivery

Distribution: 9 weeks of meal service in June and July. Service from 11-12:30 pm.

- Tuesday - warm lunch, take home Weds. breakfast
- Wednesday - warm lunch, take home Thurs. breakfast
- Thursday - warm lunch, take home Fri. & Mon. meals, Tues. breakfast

For each service day, 3 routes go to 10 delivery locations for 15 minutes each. 1 "delivery" route at the school is open for Grab and Gofor the full service time.

Meals: Bulk pickup, 5 days of meals served throughout the week. Warm meals served for service-day lunches and shelf-stable meals for the rest.

Community Context: West Point, NE has a population of 3,500 and West Point Public Schools (has an enrollment of 740 students. 55% of students receive free or reduced price meals and over 13% are English language learners.

For my family personally, it helps to make sure the kids are eating well, balanced, healthy nutritious meals every day, which is huge.

Bobbi, parent

Participation and Finances:

Participation is strong. Combined, the site distributes around 3000 meals to 625 children each week. Food and staffing costs about \$22,000 per week. Federal Reimbursement is about \$24,000 per week. Profits for the 9 weeks of summer service are expected to come to around \$22,000 total.

Staffing:

West Point’s summer meals are supported by teachers, paras, and students who are paid for their work. Student volunteers like school sports teams sometimes help out. For the three weekly days of service, the site uses 5 kitchen staff, 6 packers, 6 drivers, 2 leads and 1 supervisor.

“This is so important to our community to come and get food for lunches when their parents are working”
Melissa, staff

Advertising and Outreach:

This is the second year of delivery service in West Point. Meals are promoted weekly through the school website, email, and social media in English and Spanish. Parents sign up for meals for Tues, Weds, and/or Thurs weekly through a sign up/RSVP system



Summer Food Program Week
Verano: Semana 4

Organized by: Michele Faubel

Please sign up for which dates and locations you want. In the form, you can sign up for 5 children at most. If you have more than 5 children, select the number of children you want to sign up for at the top, adjust the slot quantity (5 per form).

<https://youtu.be/V57Pm6bFpmY?si=6q8UBofCCNc>

Por favor, regístrate para indicar las fechas y ubicaciones de los almuerzos gratuitos. En cada formulario, puede inscribirse por un máximo de 5 niños. Si tiene más de 5 niños, seleccione el número de niños que desea inscribirse en la parte superior del formulario, ajuste la cantidad de espacios según el número de niños que desea inscribirse (5 por formulario).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6q8UBofCCNc>



Where can I learn more?

RNC is a permanent USDA program that community sponsors have the chance to participate in each summer. Reach out to Appleseed or NDE to ask questions or plan for a future site!

Nebraska Department of Education
Nutrition Services:
(P) 402-471-2488 or 800-731-2233
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Additional Resources:
[Nebraska’s New Rural Noncongregate Summer Food Option - Q&A for Potential Sponsors](#)

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