

Media Release for Seamless Summer Option Free Meals in School Year 2021-2022

{Odem – Edroy ISD} announced its policy today that this school year, healthy meals will be offered every school day to all students at no cost. Typically, a student’s household must meet income eligibility requirements to qualify for free or reduced-price meals. However, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued guidance that allows schools to offer meals to all students at no cost for the 2021-2022 school year. Each school/site or central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed upon request.

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Directions: Media Release for Seamless Summer Option Free Meals in School Year 2021-2022 Sample Form

Purpose

This sample form provides a model for the media release the Contracting Entity (CE) must issue prior to or during the first week of school.

Directions for Using Sample Form

- Provide the appropriate information for each description in brackets.
- Add CE or site-specific information as needed.
- Distribute widely through available media outlets.
- Retain a copy of the release onsite.

Use This Form	
Frequency	Yearly, prior to or during the first week of school
Required Form Format	Use this sample or a similar document.
Record Retention	Releases kept on site and made available on request. Public and charter schools are required to keep documentation related to school nutrition programs for 5 years. Private schools, other nonprofit organizations, and residential child care institutions (RCCIs) are required to keep documentation for 3 years.