

KDE SFSP Guidance-SFSP Meals Distributed to Guardians

SFSP 08-2024, Questions 24-27 provided additional guidance on guardians picking up meals for children at SFSP sites.

Whatever adult is principally responsible for the care of the child that day, such as grandparents or other adults functioning as childcare providers, can pick up meals on behalf of the children. There must be a caregiver relationship between an adult and child on the day of meal service.

Please note:

- Other adults (i.e. proxies) may not pick up meals without the children present. For example, neighbor, friend of family, etc.
- Individuals caring for groups of unrelated children formally enrolled in childcare are not considered guardians.
- Day care operators, childcare centers, and other day care operators may not collect Program meal on behalf of parents or guardians for children attending their childcare. In cases where children in childcare settings could benefit from SFSP meals (and the childcare does not participate in CACFP), sponsors may consider making the childcare a SFSP site.

If sponsors choose the option of providing children's meals to parents and/or guardians, they must have a written plan or process in place to ensure meals are provided according to this guidance.