

## What is the summer meals program?

The summer meals program is one way to fill the nutrition gap for many of our children when school is closed during the summer. Hunger does not take a summer vacation.

## Can any child participate?

Yes! All children ages 18 years and under can receive free meals at any HCPSS Open Site. There are no other qualifications needed. Meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of meal service.

# Do children or parents need to register in order to participate in the Open Site Summer Meals Program?

No registration or application is required. You can simply bring your child to the summer meal site.

### How do I know where the serving sites are located and the times for the meals?

Serving sites and times will be on June's menu for all schools. We will be sending out flyers and posters will be displayed throughout the community. Site locations, meal times and the summer menu will also posted on our district website.

#### Will there be activities?

We are scheduling activities at some sites in conjunction with the Howard County Police Department. We will post the time and locations of these activities on the district website.

#### May we take the food home?

ALL food must be consumed at the site, with the exception of fresh fruit and prepackaged items. This is to ensure that the children do not eat or drink food that may spoil because of improper refrigeration or reheating.

#### May I come to the site with my children?

Yes! We love having the parents involved. The children love it too! We do ask that children under 4 years of age have an older child with them if you cannot accompany them.

#### Are the meals nutritious?

Yes! We serve 1% and fat-free milk, fruit, vegetables and all of our meals meet the nutrition guidelines for children.

#### Is there a place I can call if I have additional questions?

Yes. You may call Howard County Public School System, Food and Nutrition Service at 410-313-6743.



Visit hcpss.nutrislice.com for nutritional information, specific sites and times or scan this Code.

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