

Alternate Meal Policy Considerations for SFAs Opting to Provide Alternate Meals

SFAs are not required to provide alternate meals to children with unpaid meal charges. As provided in SP 46-2016, SFAs opting to provide alternate meals should include information about alternate meals in their local meal charge policy.

For each entity or grade level that has a different alternate meal policy, FNS encourages SFAs to explain in the policy:

1. Which meal service(s) offer alternate meals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch <input type="checkbox"/> Afterschool Snacks
2. How long will alternate meals be provided?	<i>Duration of the provision of alternate meals:</i> _____
3. Are students required to pay for alternate meals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<i>If students must pay for the alternate, what is the cost? (Include all meals that apply.)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast: \$ _____ • Lunch: \$ _____ • Afterschool Snacks: \$ _____
4. When are alternate meals offered?	<i>Explain when meals are provided (i.e., immediately in lieu of charging, or after a child's negative balance dips to a certain level):</i> _____ _____ _____
5. How are alternate meals presented?	<i>Explain how alternate meals are presented (i.e., a sack lunch or a low-cost reimbursable entrée regularly included on the menu):</i> _____ _____ _____