# MEAL PATTERN GRADE GROUP EXCEPTION

# **Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Open Sites**

***Sponsors meeting the requirements of this exception must obtain approval from the Oregon Department of Education School Nutrition Programs (ODE SNP) prior to implementing this option at each site.***

* The Meal Pattern Grade Group Exception grants an exception to use the meal pattern in effect for the highest age/grade group or the most common age/ grade group being served to all students

For more information about the meal pattern and these exemptions see the following USDA Memos: [SP 05-2022](https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/sp052022-questions-answers-program-operators); and [SP 09-2017, #44](https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/SP09-2017os_reissue.pdf)

**Instructions:** Complete for each site requesting an exception. Submit to ODE SNP via email at [ode.schoolnutrition@ode.oregon.gov](mailto:ode.schoolnutrition@ode.oregon.gov%20) .

* Sponsors meeting all of the requirements listed below may be granted a *Meal Pattern Grade* *Group Exception* to offer one meal pattern
* Operates an open SSO site and serves children in different grade groups; and has operational limitations separating children by age/grade groups at meal times;

Sponsor Name:       Agreement Number:

Site Names:

Address:

Explain the operational restrictions of serving different age/grade group meal patterns as it pertains to the site: population and facility:

Select one of these criteria for determining which grade group you are choosing:

Most common grade group in attendance

Highest grade group served

Select the Grade Group you will be using based on the above criteria: K-5  6-8  9-12

I understand that ODE SNP must consider each request on a case-by-case basis and must ensure that all criteria are met prior to granting an exception.

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Signature of CNP Program Manager or Executive Contact in CNPweb Date

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| **ODE CNP USE ONLY** | | |
| Meal Pattern Exception Approved (all criteria met)  Meal Pattern Exception Denied (all criteria not met) | Age/grade group approved to serve:  K-5  6-8  9-12 | |
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| Child Nutrition Specialist | | Date |