

To the Mayor and Members of the City Council

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SUBJECT: OUT-OF-SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAMS

The purpose of this Informal Report (IR) is to provide information about food programs offered by the Neighborhood Services Department (NSD), the Park and Recreation Department (PARD), and others for children during out-of-school time (OST). For City departments, OST includes afterschool, school breaks, and summer day camp.

According to the Texas Department of Agriculture, more than one in five Texas children struggle with hunger. When the school year ends, children often lose access to consistent, nutritious school meals. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) funds the Summer Meals Program, including the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). These programs ensure that more Texas children have enough food for an active, healthy life. In Texas, these programs are administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA).

The goals of the CACFP are to improve and maintain the health and nutritional status of children and adults, to promote development of good eating habits, and to integrate nutritious food service with organized child and adult day care services. The CACFP reimburses contracting entities (CEs) such as sponsors and sites for part of the costs associated with serving approved meals and snacks to children and adults in Texas. CitySquare serves as a primary sponsor of afterschool and summer meals programs in North Texas through their mobile meals program. CitySquare is a nonprofit organization offering a comprehensive array of social services that address four key areas related to the persistence of poverty: (1) hunger; (2) health; (3) housing; and (4) hope. They serve all City of Fort Worth community centers, providing access to healthy food for area youth. CitySquare’s Child Nutrition program provides free nutritious meals to children after school and during the summer. Meals are delivered to community partner sites year-round. CitySquare served 22,669 after school meals from August 8, 2022 through May 8, 2023 at 20 Fort Worth community centers. Last summer 23,676 breakfasts, lunches, and snacks were served.

During the summer months, community centers operate as open sites, allowing any child aged 18 and younger to access a meal at no cost. Information about locating summer food locations can be accessed at <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/parks/services/camp/summer-food-program>. The following is a comprehensive list.

Community Centers Serving Breakfast

| Location | Days of service | Time |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Fire Station Community Center | Monday - Friday | 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. |
| Martin Luther King Community Center | Monday - Friday | 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. |

Community Centers Serving Lunch

| Location | Days of service | Time |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Atatiana Carr-Jefferson-@Hillside CC | Monday - Friday | 11:30-12:30 p.m. |
| Andrew Doc Session Community Center | Monday - Friday | 12:00-1:00 p.m. |

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| Chisholm Trail Community Center | Monday - Friday | 11:00-12:00 p.m. |
| Como Community Center | Monday - Thursday | 12:00-1:00 p.m. |
| Diamond Hill Community Center | Monday - Friday | 10:30-12:30 p.m. |
| Eugene McCray Community Center | Monday - Friday | 11:30-12:30 p.m. |
| Fire Station Community Center | Monday - Friday | 11:30-12:30 p.m. |
| Greenbriar Community Center | Monday - Friday | 11:00-12:30 p.m. |
| Handley Meadowbrook Community Ctr | Monday - Friday | 11:00-12:00 p.m. |
| Highland Hills Community Center | Monday - Friday | 11:00-12:00 p.m. |
| Martin Luther King Community Center | Monday - Friday | 12:00-12:30 p.m. |
| North Tri-Ethnic Community Center | Monday - Friday | 11:00-12:00 p.m. |
| Northside Community Center | Monday - Friday | 11:00-11:45 a.m. |
| R.D. Evans Community Center | Monday - Friday | 11:00-1:00 p.m. |
| Riverside Community Center | Monday - Friday | 12:00-1:00 p.m. |
| Southside Community Center | Monday - Friday | 12:00-1:00 p.m. |
| Southwest Community Center | Monday - Friday | 11:00-12:00 p.m. |
| Sycamore Community Center | Monday - Friday | 12:45-1:45 p.m. |
| Thomas Place Community Center | Monday - Friday | 11:00-1:00 p.m. |
| Victory Forest Community Center | Monday - Friday | 11:30-2:00 p.m. |
| Worth Heights Community Center | Monday - Friday | 11:00-12:00 p.m. |

Community Centers Serving Snack Location

Days of service

Lunch

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| Atatiana Carr-Jefferson@Hillside CC | Monday - Friday | 3:00-4:00 p.m. |
| Chisholm Trail Community Center | Monday - Friday | 2:00-3:00 p.m. |
| Como Community Center | Monday - Thursday | 3:00-3:30 p.m. |
| Diamond Hill Community Center | Monday - Friday | 3:00-4:00 p.m. |
| Eugene McCray Community Center | Monday - Friday | 2:30-3:30 p.m. |
| Greenbriar Community Center | Monday - Friday | 2:30-3:00 p.m. |
| Handley Meadowbrook Community Center | Monday - Friday | 3:00-4:00 p.m. |
| Highland Hills Community Center | Monday - Friday | 4:00-4:30 p.m. |
| North Tri-Ethnic Community Center | Monday - Friday | 2:30-3:30 p.m. |
| Northside Community Center | Monday - Friday | 2:30-3:00 p.m. |
| Riverside Community Center | Monday - Friday | 3:00-4:00 p.m. |
| Southside Community Center | Monday - Friday | 2:00-2:30 p.m. |
| Southwest Community Center | Monday - Friday | 3:00-3:30 p.m. |
| Sycamore Community Center | Monday - Friday | 4:00-4:15 p.m. |
| Thomas Place Community Center | Monday - Friday | 2:30-4:00 p.m. |
| Victory Forest Community Center | Monday - Friday | 3:00-4:30 p.m. |
| Worth Heights Community Center | Monday - Friday | 2:30-3:00 p.m. |

In addition to Community Centers, Fort Worth ISD will have regular summer school for elementary, middle school, and high school campuses and will offer several programs operating from June 5 through June 29.

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The FWISD Summer Learning 2023 Guide is available and lists the hours and locations for summer programming. Residents may visit <https://www.fwisd.org/summerlearning> to learn more. Free breakfast and lunch will be provided at all primary summer school campuses and Fort Worth After School (21st Century Community Learning Centers) summer camp programs will offer breakfast and lunch at nine (9) sites.

Residents may also call 2-1-1 or Text "Food" to 304-304 to locate their nearest feeding site.

Please contact Sonia Singleton, Assistant Director, Neighborhood Services sonia.singleton@fortworthtexas.gov or Park & Recreation Department, Kelli Pickard, Assistant Director, at kelli.pickard@fortworthtexas.gov, for additional information.

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