

A close-up photograph of two young girls smiling. The girl on the left has blonde hair and is wearing a dark blue shirt with denim overalls. The girl on the right has dark skin and curly hair, wearing a pink and white striped shirt. They are outdoors with a blurred green background.

From Pickup to Porch

Best Practices for
Diverse Rural
Non-Congregate Meal
Distribution

May 13, 2026



Things to Know Before We Begin

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Agenda

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 - Home Delivery
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Scroll to:

SUMMER EBT ↓

FIND A SUMMER MEALS SITE ↓

Our summer resource hub at nokidhungry.org/help (*English*) & nokidhungry.org/ayuda (*Spanish*) directs families to summer meal sites via the USDA's site finder, the National Hunger Hotline, and Summer EBT information. Please include this resource in your summer outreach to families!

Disclaimer

Our speakers represent their own experience with summer meal and non congregate programs in their states and localities. Certain program models and implementation methods discussed may be restricted in some states or approved on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the State Agency.

Always check with your local state agency before implementing any new meal service models or implementation methods.

Meet Our Speakers



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SUN MEALS

Grab & Go Model

MARSHALL COUNTY SCHOOLS

About Us

Marshall County covers 340 square miles in rural western Kentucky.



Population of 31,800 people



9 schools | 4,300 students



12% poverty rate



1 in 5 kids experience food insecurity



Districtwide CEP



115,660 meals served in June 2025

Logistics

- 7 breakfasts & 7 lunches
- 2 Meal Packaging Sites
- 6 Pick-up Locations
- Tuesday: Package Shelf-stable Foods
- Wednesday: Package Frozen Foods
- Thursday: Meal Distribution



Packaging



Reusable drawstring backpacks for shelf stable items.



Reusable coolers for frozen items.



Meals packed and ready to go!

Support

28 Sun Meal Employees

8 Student Workers

District Volunteers

Community Volunteers

Law Enforcement



Communication

NORTH MARSHALL MIDDLE MEAL PICKUP



SOUTH MARSHALL MIDDLE MEAL PICK UP





“Summer should be fun for kids. They should be thinking about their next fun adventure, not where their next meal will come from.”

-John Cain
Kentucky Kids Eat
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RURAL
Non-Congregate:
Stanfield
Elementary
School District
Mobile Program



School Profile

STANFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

- ✔ **Located between Casa Grande and Maricopa**
- ✔ **1 Site School District**
 - Rural community
 - Tohono O'odham Indian reservation
- ✔ **Current Enrollment:** 333 students Pre-K to 8
- ✔ **Third Year Offering Non-Congregate**
 - **Year 1:** FY 23/24
 - **Year 2:** FY 24/25
 - **Year 3:** FY 25/26



How many students did we feed?

YEAR 1 <i>FY 2023-2024</i>	YEAR 2 <i>FY 2024-2025</i>	PLAN FOR YEAR 3 <i>FY 2025-2026</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5-day meal service.• 356 students served.• 7,085 meals in 30 days.• No delivery during summer school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5-day meal service.• 276 students served.• 8,860 Meals in 30 days.• Distributed all summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7-day meal service.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Offering congregate meal service for summer school. June 1 to June 18 Monday -Thursday.◦ Offering non-congregate meal service June 1 to July 12.

How do we get ready?

YEARS 1 & 2: FY 23/24 & FY 25/26

5-Day Delivery Cycle: 2 Routes

- **Tuesday:** Deliver 2-Day Cycle
(Tuesday and Wednesday)
- **Thursday:** Deliver 3-Day Cycle
(Thursday, Friday, and Monday)

Food is placed in 160-quart coolers.



Loaded on buses.



Distributed to bus stops by driver.

Food Deliveries and Prep: Monday

- **Staffing:** Two Food Service Workers and Director / 8-Hours Each

Pack & Deliver: Tuesday and Thursday

- **Staffing:** Two Food Service Workers and Director / 8-Hours Each
(Pack & Prep)

Pack & Deliver: Tuesday and Thursday

- **Staffing:** Two Bus Drivers / 6-Hours Each (2 Hours Pack; 4-Hours Deliver)

Total hours to run program weekly: 96-Hours

How are we operating in FY 25/26?

YEAR 3: FY 25/26

7-Day Delivery Cycle: 2 Routes

- **Tuesday:** Deliver 3-Day Cycle (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday)
- **Thursday:** Deliver 4-Day Cycle (Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday)

Food Deliveries and Prep: Monday

- **Staffing:** Two Food Service Workers and Director / 8-Hours Each

Pack & Deliver: Tuesday and Thursday

- **Staffing:** Two Food Service Workers and Director / 8-Hours Each (Pack & Prep)

Pack & Deliver: Tuesday and Thursday

- **Staffing:** Two Bus Drivers / 6-Hours Each (2 Hours Pack; 4-Hours Deliver) & **(new this year!)** 1 Support-Sub / 6-Hours on Delivery Days

Total hours to run program weekly: 108-Hours



Summer Feeding June 3 to July 10

Every Tuesday & Thursday
at the pickup locations below

Blue Route - 28

- 9:00 Apache & Albany
 - 9:05 Apache & Auburn
 - 9:10 Apache & Baylor Way
 - 9:16 Fuqua; North of Apache Rd.
 - 9:18 Fuqua; South of Barnes Rd.
 - 9:23 Barnes & Stanfield
 - 9:28 Cooper @ Yaqui Way
 - 9:32 Yaqui @ Apache
 - 9:45 Barnes @ Anderson
 - 9:48 Miller @ Pala
 - 10:00 Hwy 84 @ Montgomery Rd.
 - 10:20 Stanfield Rd. & Carranza Rd.
 - 10:35 Cockleburr Village in T.O. Reservation
 - 10:55 Kohatk Village in Tohono O'Odham Reservation
 - 11:15 North Komelik Village in Tohono O'Odham Reservation
- Stanfield School Pickup 9am -11am

For Questions or concerns please reach out directly to Lorinda Aouita (520)
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**Blue
Route**



Summer Feeding June 3 to July 10

Every Tuesday & Thursday
at the pickup locations below

Red Route - White Bus

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------|
| 9:00 Hwy 84 @ White & Parker | 10:22 Huisatch @ Ruby |
| 9:05 Carefree @ Desert Park | 10:24 Huisatch & Abbey |
| 9:07 Carefree @ Cherry | 10:26 DuneShadow @ Shadow |
| 9:09 Carefree @ Primrose | 10:28 DuneShadow @ Amanda |
| 9:12 Meadowview @ Primrose | 10:30 Dunesadow & Falton |
| 9:15 Meadowview @ Cherry | 10:32 Warren @ Dunesadow Rd. |
| 9:20 Meadowview @ Desert Park | 10:40 Sotol @ White Dove |
| 9:25 Hwy 347 & Padilla | 10:42 Sotol @ Picket Dr. |
| 9:35 Louis Johnson & Amarillo Valley Rd. | 10:44 Sotol @ Morning Dove St. |
| 9:38 Barnes @ Canal | 10:46 Sotol @ Hidden Valley |
| 9:43 Barnes @ Hidden Valley | 10:50 Fresno @ Oak |
| 9:46 Warren @ Organ Pipe | 10:55 Ralston @ Bluejay |
| 9:48 Warren @ Prickly Pear | 10:57 Ralston @ Wildcat |
| 9:50 Warren @ Candlelight | 11:00 Warren @ Cardinal |
| 9:52 Warren @ Clearview | 11:02 Warren @ Wildwood |
| 9:55 Papas Grass @ McCarren Way | 11:05 Wildwood @ Vitrina |
| 10:00 Hickory @ Jennifer | 11:07 Wildwood @ Ralston |
| 10:05 Century @ Shirley | 11:10 Wildwood @ Ruby |
| 10:07 Century @ Smart | 11:15 Javelina @ Conejo |
| 10:10 Century @ Brower | 11:17 Javelina @ Tusa |
| 10:12 Whirlybird @ Brower | 11:18 Javelina @ Liebre |
| 10:14 Whirlybird @ N. Kelly Ln. | 11:20 Venado @ Tusa |
| 10:16 Whirlybird @ Garnet | 11:22 Meadowview @ Conejo |
| 10:18 Huisatch & Garnet | 11:24 Meadowview @ Tejon |
| 10:20 Huisatch & Windy Meadow Ln | 11:26 Tejon & Venado |
| | 11:30 Lopez @ Baca |
| | 11:32 Baca @ Ortega |



Stanfield School 9am-11am

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**Red
Route**

Challenges

CONGREGATE FEEDING | (Prior to FY

-  ~~23/24~~ Parents work and could not bring students to pick up food.
-  School was too far for students to come eat or pick up food.

NON-CONGREGATE FEEDING | (FY 24/25)

-  ICE presence in community.
-  Need for bus monitor to hand out food to students to feel safe.
-  Need for extra staff to pack bags.



PACK



DELIVER



DRIVE



Community



Reservation

THANK YOU!



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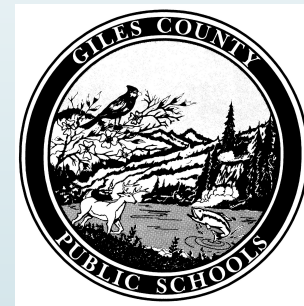
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Giles County Public Schools Southwest Virginia

Summer Food Program 2025



PLANNING BEGINS- HOME DELIVERY

In 4 weeks time we:

- Registered children, developed bus routes, hired staff, secured volunteers, ordered food, and advertised.
- Registration via online portal. Check box gave us permission to deliver.
- Bus routes developed strategically to deliver to every home.
- Food ordered for the first delivery based on the number registered.
- Outdoor freezers were rented for the summer to help with storage issues.
 - Froze the milk to help keep temperatures cold.

THE FIRST DAY (PACKING DAY)

- Approximately 35 staff/volunteers arrived at 7am ready to work!
- Two assembly lines spread throughout our cafeteria tables.
- Prepped frozen items in t-shirt bag, tied closed, put in boxes in freezer until delivery day.
- Prepped fresh items (fruits, veggies, grains, etc.) in a large tote/bag donated by Food Lion. Staged on tables & hallways until day 2.
- Milk counted and separated into 2 chocolate and 1 white (1/2 gallons) per child.
- It was a long day, about 6 hours of hard work!

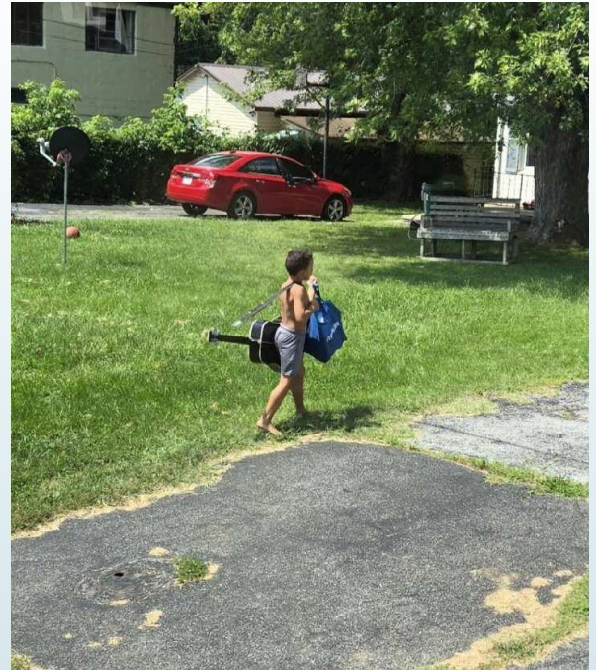


Packing and getting organized for delivery day. School hallways and the cafeteria were overflowing with bags!



THE SECOND DAY (DELIVERY)

- Each bus had a copy of their route with home addresses, scheduled delivery times, and number of children per location.
- Drivers marked off addresses (for claiming purpose) when passed out.
- We asked that children/adults meet us at our bus stop. This didn't always happen so we had permission to leave bags on their porch (preferably in a cooler).
- Passed out one bag of food and one bag of milk per child.



Precious young man every week met us carrying his guitar. He insisted on carrying his own bags also helped with the neighbors' bags.



Our Superintendent helped us every week during Summer 2025.

Also, a Virginia Delegate's family pictured here helped with each delivery.



This is our rented outdoor freezer. It was great the first 2 weeks.



MUCH better/smoother way to load the milk! Work smarter, not harder!



Loading
methods!
And smiling
faces!

SFSP 2025 COUNTS BY BUS

<u>BUS</u>	<u>June 11</u>	<u>June 25</u>	<u>July 9</u>	<u>July 23</u>	<u>August 6</u>	(9 days only) <u>August 20</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>bfasts</u>	<u>lunches</u>	<u>total meals</u>
BUS 1	50	98	101	102	104	98	553	5,432	5,432	10,864
BUS 2	62	74	108	83	83	90	500	4,910	4,910	9,820
BUS 3	16	30	31	32	39	28	176	1,732	1,732	3,464
BUS 4	73	73	86	87	86	81	486	4,779	4,779	9,558
BUS 5	164	218	238	253	255	245	1,373	13,485	13,485	26,970
BUS 6	127	143	163	160	161	160	914	8,980	8,980	17,960
BUS 7	145	172	180	182	190	189	1,058	10,391	10,391	20,782
BUS 8	0	80	82	77	71	86	396	3,874	3,874	7,748
BUS 9	0	57	76	79	84	77	373	3,653	3,653	7,306
	637	945	1,065	1,055	1,073	1,054	5,829	57,236	57,236	114,472



THE THIRD DAY (RECOVERY DAY)

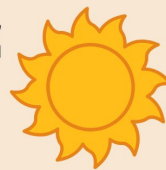
- Pure exhaustion. But pure JOY!
- We showed the community that their school system cared enough about them to organize this amazing program.
- We also generated excess revenue we were able to roll back into our programs. A win-win!

SUMMER 2026

2026 Plans:

- Bigger and better! Already 1,200 children registered and currently are working on bus routes.
- Through NKH grant funding: Summer contests with Barnes & Noble gift card prizes for participating children. We also are hiring 15 of our current high school juniors/seniors to help us with the program. It gives the students interviewing practice, financial support, and helps our program. Again, another win-win!

Giles County Public Schools SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM CONTESTS



Contest 1: I SPY WITH MY LITTLE EYE

Where do your crayons go on a hike?

Activity: Scavenger Hunt

Contest: Color and draw your favorite things in nature. **DUE BY 6/17**



Contest 2: BINGO BOOKWORM

Wiggle Your Way to a Full Card

Activity: Reading BINGO

Contest: Decorate your own bookmark! **DUE BY 7/1**



Contest 3: SNAP AN ADVENTURE

Show us where summer took you!

Activity: Summer Snapshot Camera

Contest: Send a photo of your favorite trip or activity this summer. Make a creative display with 5 words or phrases to describe your photo!

DUE BY 7/15



Contest 4: SOAR INTO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Spread Your Wings and Go!

Activity: Make an Airplane

Contest: Write about what you are excited for in the new 2026-27 school year! **DUE BY 7/29**



AGE GROUPS

Preschool Grades K-1
Grades 2-3 Grades 4-5
Grades 6-7 Grades 8-9
Grades 10-12

*Age groups based on the grade you recently completed.



*Contest submissions may be turned in at the School Board Office

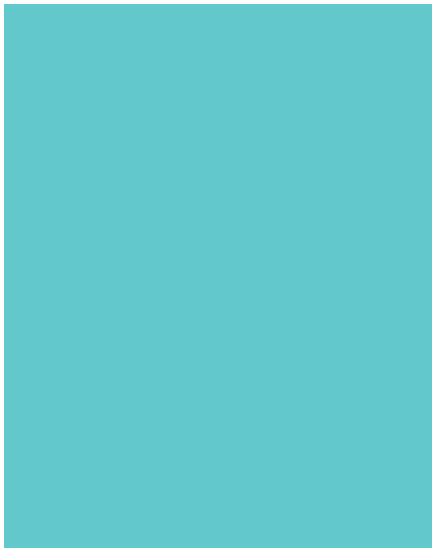
*GRAND PRIZE WINNER: Students who submit entries to EVERY contest will go into a drawing for \$100 gift card

*Please contact Chris Trent at ctrent@gilesk12.net, if you have questions.



Speaker Q & A





Resources & More!

Visit our Center for Best Practices:
www.bestpractices.nokidhungry.org

Summer Resources:

- [Successful Non-Congregate Meal Service Models for Rural Areas: Implementation Guide-](#)
- [Co-Creating Non-Congregate Summer Meals: Engaging Your Community to Design Your Program](#)
- [Conversation Starters for Designing More Inclusive School Meals Programs](#)

**Upcoming
Webinars in Our
Summer Series!**



Wed., May 20th:

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Next-Level Promotion for
Summer Meals Success

Wed., June 10th:

Home Delivery Models and
How They Could Work for
Your Community

Summertime Snack



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