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Office for Prekindergarten through Grade 12 Education
Child Nutrition Program Administration / Summer Food Service Program
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Separation by Gender during Child Nutrition Program Meal Service Exemption Request

In general, SFAs, institutions, and organizations participating in the Child Nutrition Programs are not permitted to separate children on any protected basis during the service of Program meals or snacks, in keeping with Federal non-discrimination laws and policies as outlined for the Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs in 7 CFR Parts 15, 15a, and 15b. Federal law prohibits discrimination based on gender at any educational institution receiving Federal assistance.

The New York State Education Department (SED) may approve exemptions allowing separation by gender during a Child Nutrition Program meal service. To request an exemption, please indicate which of the following reasons apply and why separation by gender is necessary:

- ☐ Meal service takes place at religious institutions operating under the dictates of the religion with which they are affiliated.
- ☐ Meal service takes place at juvenile correctional facilities where combining members of the opposite gender would present a potential safety risk.
- ☐ Meal service takes place at facilities that fully separate by gender as part of their normal operations (for example, gender-separated summer camps).

Why is separation by gender necessary?

Requesting Exemption from _____ to _____
Begin Date End Date

SFA/Sponsor Name: _____ LEA Code: _____
RA/Site Name: _____ LEA Code: _____
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RA/Site Name: _____ LEA Code: _____

Child Nutrition Program Operator:

Print Name	Title	Signature
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