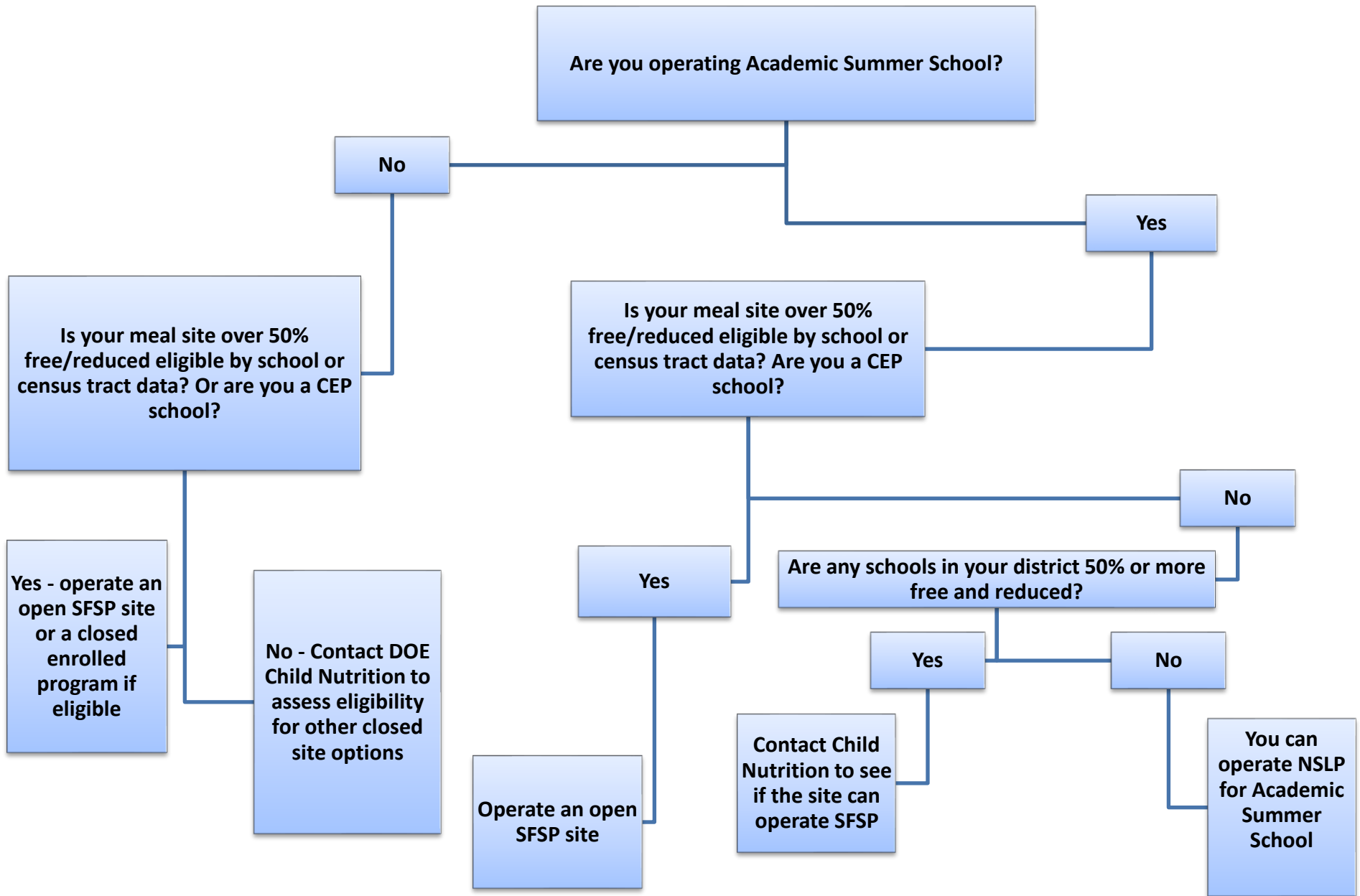


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A Note About National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (SSO)

- Schools participating in the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Program are eligible to apply for the [Seamless Summer Option](#).
- Seamless Summer has less paperwork, making it easier for schools to feed children during the traditional summer vacation periods and, for year-round schools, long school vacation periods.
- Once approved by the State agency, the school serves meals free of charge to children, including teenagers through age 18, under the school meal program rules.
- Meals are reimbursed at the free rates for school lunches, school breakfasts, and afterschool snacks, which are slightly lower than the Summer Food Service Program rates.
- Eligibility for SSO is the same as SFSP. Maine has historically seen Sponsors operate SFSP rather than SSO due to the higher reimbursement rates with SFSP.
- If an SFA does not qualify for SFSP, they do not qualify for SSO. NSLP can be used for academic summer school for enrolled students.