



## Comparing the Afterschool Child Nutrition Programs

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<b>Definition of Program</b>	Offers cash reimbursement to schools for <b>snacks</b> to children after their regular school day ends. Service of nutritious snacks after school draws children into supervised learning activities that are safe and fun.	Offers cash reimbursements for both <b>snacks and meals</b> served to children through age 18 after school, during the school year in <b>low-income areas only</b> .	Offers cash reimbursements for up to two snacks and one meal or two meals and one snack per day for children through age 12, year round when school is not in session.
<b>Affiliation</b>	If the site is operated and staffed by the school, the site is affiliated.	If the site is operated and staffed by the sponsor, it is affiliated. If the site is operated and staffed by another organization, it is unaffiliated.	If the site is operated and staffed by the sponsor, it is affiliated. If the site is operated and staffed by another organization, it is unaffiliated.
<b>Program/Site Eligibility</b>	Schools that operate the NSLP and an afterschool care program are eligible. A Residential Child Care Institution (RCCI) may participate in At-Risk if they have non-residential children who participate in afterschool educational/enrichment programs.	Only sites located in the attendance area of a public school where at least 50% of the children are eligible for free and reduced price school meals (area eligible) may participate. If the site is not located in a public school, it must be operated by a public or nonprofit organization.	Nonprofit organizations are automatically eligible to participate. For-profit organizations must serve at least 25% low income children but may not sponsor nonprofit sites. Eligibility is determined by the annual collection of family income applications and evaluated monthly.
<b>Licensing Requirements</b>	A DHS license is required if the site provides child care.	A DHS license is required if the site provides child care. If the site is located in a school participating on NSLP, no additional documentation is needed. If the site is exempt from DHS licensing, such as a Boys and Girls Club,	Sites licensed by DHS may participate. If DHS determines a site to be exempt from licensing, a health and/or safety inspection is required, depending on local laws.

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<b>Programming requirements</b>	Must provide regularly scheduled educational or enrichment activities in a supervised environment. Children must participate in the sponsored activities.	Must provide organized regularly scheduled activities in a structured and supervised environment that includes education or enrichment activities. Children may be enrolled or drop-in and are not required to participate in the activities offered.	Must provide a regularly scheduled program organized to provide services to children and distinct extracurricular programs organized primarily for scholastic, cultural, or athletic purposes.
<b>Days of Operation</b>	Schools may claim one snack per child per day <b>after</b> the school day ends on regular school days throughout the school year. Snacks may not be claimed on weekends, holidays, school vacations, release days or during the summer months unless the school offers a year-round program. <i>Note:</i> If the school offers an extended day program, snacks can be offered during the last hour of the extended day.	Must be organized primarily to provide care for children <b>after school and/or on weekends, holidays, or school vacations during the regular school year</b> . At-Risk meals and snacks cannot be claimed during the summer months unless the school operates year-around.	May operate year round during hours outside of school may include school vacations, weekends and holidays. The program may not operate on weekends only.
<b>Eligible Snacks or Meals that may be served per day</b>	Only snacks may be claimed.	Up to one supper and one snack may be claimed per child per day served after school on regular school days. Any one meal and any one snack may be claimed per child per day on a weekend, holiday, vacation period or school release day during the regular school year.	Up to two snacks and one meal or two meals and one snack may be served to each child per day and must be served only outside of school hours, or to children attending schools which do not offer a lunch program.
<b>Eligible Participants</b>	Children who participate in an approved afterschool program and who are age 18 or under at the start of the school year are eligible to	Children who are age 18 or under at the start of the school year and children who turn age 19 during the school year may participate. There is	School age children through age 12 may participate. There is no age limit for persons with disabilities.

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	participate. Children who turn age 19 during the school year may also participate. There is no age limit for persons with disabilities.	no age limit for persons with disabilities. Children in preschool, Head Start, Even Start, etc. may also participate after the end of their program day or on days their program is not in session.	
<b>Snack or Meal Costs for Children</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>School site is area eligible:</b> all snacks are offered at no cost to children.</li> <li>• <b>School site is <i>not</i> area eligible:</b> Schools may charge reduced-price eligible students a maximum of \$.15 per snack. It is suggested that students eligible for full paid snacks be charged a “break-even” price.</li> </ul>	<b>Site must be area eligible:</b> All At-Risk meals and snacks are offered at no cost.	There is no area eligibility provision. The center may charge families for meals or include meals in the cost of child care. Low income families eligible for free meals may not be charged for meals.
<b>Reimbursement Rates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>School site is area eligible:</b> All reimbursable snacks receive the free snack reimbursement rate.</li> <li>• <b>School site is <i>not</i> area eligible:</b> The <a href="#">current NSLP snack reimbursement rate</a> is paid.</li> </ul>	All snacks are paid at the <a href="#">current CACFP free snack reimbursement rate</a> .	The center is reimbursed at the <a href="#">current reimbursement rates</a> based on the income level of families: free, reduced-price, and paid. Income applications are collected annually.
<b>Monitoring Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each site must be reviewed two times during the program year.</li> <li>• The first review must take place in the first four weeks of operation.</li> </ul>	<p><b>No</b> State agency pre-approval visits are required for new school sponsors, but are required for other sponsors.</p> <p>If the organization has a <b>single site</b> participating in CACFP At-Risk, one self-monitoring review is required per year.</p> <p>If the school has <b>multiple sites</b> participating in At-Risk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each site must receive two reviews annually.</li> </ul>	<p>A State agency pre-approval visits is required for new sponsors.</p> <p>If the organization has a <b>single site</b> participating in CACFP, one self-monitoring review is required per year.</p> <p>If the school has <b>multiple sites</b> participating in CACFP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each site must receive three reviews annually if 12 claims are submitted annually.</li> </ul>

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<b>Required Records</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily attendance records.</li> <li>• Daily “point of service” snack count records.</li> <li>• Dated menus for each snack served.</li> <li>• Food Production Records for Snack which document the quantity of food produced/leftover and total number of snacks prepared.</li> <li>• Self-monitoring records</li> <li>• Records to support program expenditures and revenue.</li> <li>• Documentation of civil rights training.</li> <li>• Summation of racial/ethnic data.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily attendance records <i>or</i> sign-in sheets.</li> <li>• Daily meal count records.</li> <li>• Dated menus for each snack and meal served.</li> <li>• Self-monitoring records.</li> <li>• Records to support program expenditures and revenue.</li> <li>• Documentation of civil rights training.</li> <li>• Summation of racial/ethnic data.</li> <li>• Enrollment records are not required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily attendance records.</li> <li>• Daily “point of service” meal count records.</li> <li>• Dated menus for each meal and snack served.</li> <li>• Food Production Records that document the quantity of food produced/leftover and total number of snacks prepared.</li> <li>• Self-monitoring records.</li> <li>• Records to support program expenditures and revenue.</li> <li>• Documentation of civil rights training.</li> <li>• Summation of racial/ethnic data.</li> <li>• Enrollment records are not required.</li> </ul>
<b>Meal Patterns</b>	NSLP meal pattern	CACFP or NSLP meal pattern	CACFP or NSLP meal pattern only if meals are prepared by a school.

