

CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

AT RISK AFTERSCHOOL MEALS PROGRAMS

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) provides cash reimbursement for after-school snacks/meals served at eligible after-school programs. This program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is administered by the Division of Food and Nutrition of the New Jersey State Department of Agriculture.



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need to be licensed as child care centers by the Bureau of Licensing.

- Program sites must be located in an area served by a school in which at least 50 percent of the enrolled participants are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

Which After School Programs Are Eligible?

- The program must be operated by a public or private nonprofit organization.
- The intent of the program must be to provide after-school care.

In addition, programs must offer regularly scheduled educational or enrichment activities that are structured and supervised.

- Sites where programs are offered must meet state or local health and safety standards, but do not



Available Funding

The At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program will reimburse up to one snack and one meal served to each eligible participant per day.

- Each snack/meal must be served free of charge and will be reimbursed at the applicable free rate of reimbursement per participant per day.
- Snacks/meals are served to school age participants up through age 18 and certain participants over age 18 are eligible to receive funding.

Reimbursement is available for snacks/meals served after school, on holidays and weekends during the regular school year only. At-Risk snacks/meals may not be claimed during the summer months

Institutions can operate in the program either independently or under the auspices of a sponsoring organization. The sponsoring organization must accept final administrative and financial responsibility for centers under its auspices. In each state, the CACFP is operated by a State administering agency.

Nutritional Requirements

Snacks served to participants must meet U.S. Department of Agriculture nutritional requirements. To qualify, a snack must include two (2) of the four meal pattern components (milk, fruit/vegetable, meat/meat alternate, grain/bread) in amounts specified by age. For example, the following would meet the requirements for a snack:

- Yogurt and graham crackers
- Salsa and tortillas
- Fresh fruit and soft pretzels
- Oatmeal cookies and 100% juice
- String cheese and apple slices
- Peanut butter crackers and milk

Meals* served to participants must meet U.S. Department of Agriculture nutritional requirements. To qualify, a lunch/dinner meal must include five (5) of the four meal pattern components (milk, 2 different fruits/vegetables, meat/meat alternate, grain/bread) in amounts specified by age. For example, the following would meet the requirements for a lunch/dinner meal:

Meat Balls in Tomato Sauce
 Tossed Salad
 Fruit Cocktail
 Spaghetti
 Italian Bread
 Milk

BBQ Chicken
 Baked Potato
 Broccoli
 Biscuit
 Milk

*A Breakfast meal must include three (3) of the four meal pattern components (milk, fruit/vegetable, grain/bread) in amounts specified by age.

Civil Rights Statement

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You may also review the USDA At Risk Handbook at <http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/fn/pdf/CACFPhandbook.pdf>