

Supper Program in High Need Areas

(CACFP/At Risk Supper Program)

Program Highlights

- CACFP sponsored program.
- Helps provide nutritious meals at no cost to kids and opportunities for learning in a safe and supervised setting.
- Started in 1994 providing afterschool snacks in certain areas and States for kids 13-18 years.
- The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010-
Expanded meal reimbursement for At-Risk Afterschool Programs in all States.

At-risk program is part of the Child and Adult Care food Program. The purpose of this program is to provide nutritious meals. Based on the Legislative History it started under the Healthy Meals for Healthy Americans Act of 1994 where afterschool snack could be provided by sponsors in Certain States and areas for kids 13-18 years old. The program got expanded with the addition of supper service and widening the age group to 0-18 years with Agricultural Protection Act of 2000. The Healthu, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 did expand at risk programs to all States.

Program Eligibility

- Be organized, primarily to provide care for children after school or on the weekends, holidays or school vacations during the regular school year.
- Provide organized, regularly scheduled activities (i.e., in a structured and supervised environment).
- Include education or enrichment activities.
- Sponsor must be in an eligible attendance area of a public school (an elementary, middle or high school) where at least 50 percent of the students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program.

Please review the program, eligibility requirements.

Organization Eligibility

Eligible organizations must meet State and/or local licensing or health and safety standards and be operated by one of the following:

- public agencies such as schools or city governments
- tax-exempt nonprofit organizations
- are currently participating in another Federal program requiring nonprofit status [7 CFR 226.17a(a)(iv)].

Please review the organization eligibility.

Organization Eligibility

For profit childcare centers may be eligible if they are eligible to participate in CACFP thru their traditional childcare center and:

- Meet eligibility criteria listed on the previous slide
- at least 25 percent of the children served by the for profit center through its traditional childcare component are:
 - eligible for free or reduced-price meals based on their family income; or
 - receive benefits under title XX of the Social Security Act and the center receives compensation under title XX

The 25 percent threshold is based on the center's enrollment or the licensed capacity, whichever is less. It is calculated during the calendar month preceding application for Program participation. In addition, in order to claim reimbursement in any calendar month, the center must meet the 25 percent threshold in that month (for more information see definition of a for-profit center in 7 CFR 226.2).

In determining a for-profit center's eligibility for At-Risk Afterschool Meals reimbursement, only the enrollment and/or licensed capacity of the traditional child care component of the center may be considered in calculating whether the center meets the 25 percent criterion.

CNP Sponsors

- CACFP sponsors: **may only claim a total of two meals and one snack or one meal and two snacks, per child per day, including the afterschool snack or meal [7 CFR 226.17a(k)].**
- Children who do not attend school would continue to participate in the traditional CACFP meal service provided by the center, even during the “afterschool” hours.

Centers operating both the traditional and At-Risk components of the CACFP may only claim a total of two meals and one snack or one meal and two snacks, per child per day, including the afterschool snack or meal.

CNP Sponsors

- SFA's: A school that operates longer than the traditional school day may be eligible for At-Risk Afterschool Meal reimbursement.
- **Eligible schools can claim one meal and one snack or 2 snacks with At-risk CACFP.**
- No requirement that each facility serve the full range of eligible children,- as an example you could serve only high school age students.

A school that operates longer than the traditional school day may be eligible for At-Risk Afterschool Meal reimbursement, provided that it operates a school day that is at least one hour longer than the minimum number of school day hours required for the comparable grade levels by the local educational agency in which the school is located.

Participant Eligibility

- Children who are 18 or under at the start of the school year.
- No age restriction for people with disabilities.

Afterschool Programs Benefit Children not only nutritionally but in the following ways:

- Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)
- Cognitive development
- Academic development
- Physical health

Please review the Participant eligibility and the benefit of afterschool program for the children.

Good to know:

- At-risk CACFP operated during a regular school year. At-risk CACFP is not operated during the summer break.
- Enrichment activities must be provided but kids who receive meals are not obliged to participate in them.
- Students who are part of school sports teams and clubs can receive Afterschool Snacks or Meals as part of a broad, overarching educational or enrichment program, but the Program cannot be limited to a sports team.

Please review the At-Risk Program Facts.

Good to know:

- Afterschool Programs that include supervised athletic activity may participate as long as they are “open to all” and do not limit membership for reasons other than space, security, or licensing requirements.
- Under the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals component, meals and snacks may be reimbursed if they are served on weekends or holidays, including vacation periods (for example, spring break), during the regular school year only, and as long as the sponsor provides enrichment activity.

Please review the At-Risk Program Facts.

Does an at-risk, afterschool program have to be open to the full age range up to eighteen?

No. There is no requirement that each facility must serve the full age range of eligible children.

Does the “open to all” criterion apply to programs other than interscholastic sports programs?

No. Afterschool programs designed to accommodate special needs, or that have other limiting factors, may be eligible to participate. They may include, but are not limited to, programs targeted to children who have learning disabilities or programs for children who are academically gifted.

Please review these commonly asked questions.

Application

- iCAN application for CACFP At-risk
- Sponsor agencies already operating another CNP: permanent agreement needs to be amended by adding the new agreement to their original one.
- Sponsors must:
 - Train staff on how to operate At-Risk CACFP.
 - Maintain a non-profit food service account.
 - Oversee program operations at sites.
 - Maintain records (i.e. staff training, menus, procurement documentation, and site monitoring records, if applicable).

Once the State agency approves an institution's application to provide At-Risk Afterschool Meals and/or Snacks, the agreement with the State agency needs to be amended to reflect this additional meal service and its requirements. This can be accomplished by signing a simple addendum to the CACFP or NSLP agreement.

Record Keeping

Afterschool programs participating in the At-Risk Afterschool Program must comply with record keeping requirements §226.15(e) which include:

- Documentation of area eligibility;
- A daily count of the total number of snacks and/or suppers served to participating children;
- Documentation of individual children's attendance daily; and
- Menus and receipts for the purchase of food and supplies for each snack and/or supper served.
- Production records.

Please review these record keeping requirements.

Record Keeping Accountability

Meal Pattern and records

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yfsdb23-MHo&feature=emb_title



Please view this short video on meal pattern and record keeping of meal service.

Reimbursement Rates for At-risk Afterschool Meals

Rates for At-Risk Afterschool Meals

	Breakfast	Lunch/Supper	Snacks
Free	\$1.89	\$3.51	\$0.96

The cash-in-lieu value of USDA Foods (commodities) for July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 is \$0.2450.

Reference: Federal Register

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/07/22/2020-15765/child-and-adult-care-food-program-national-average-payment-rates-day-care-home-food-service-payment>

Please view the current reimbursement rates that are good till June 30th, 2021.

Interested in becoming an At-Risk Afterschool Sponsor

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