



School and Community Nutrition

At-Risk Afterschool Meals (CACFP)

The At-Risk Afterschool Meals component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) provides a cash reimbursement to eligible public and private organizations for serving nutritious snacks and suppers to school-age children participating in at-risk afterschool programs.



Who can participate?

Organizations providing nonresidential child care that are:

- public;
 - non-profit with tax exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or
 - for-profit, if at least twenty-five percent of the children in care (enrolled or licensed capacity, whichever is less) are eligible for free or reduced-price meals or are Title XX beneficiaries.
- Children who only participate in the at-risk afterschool snacks and/or suppers can not be included in determining this percentage.

What kinds of afterschool programs can participate?

To be eligible for reimbursement an afterschool program must:

- be organized primarily to provide care after school, on weekends, holidays, or school vacations during the regular school year;
- have organized, regularly scheduled activities in a structured and supervised environment;
- include education or enrichment activities; and
- be located in the attendance area of an elementary, middle, or high school in which at least fifty percent of the enrolled students are approved for free or reduced-price meals. Emergency shelters are exempt from the area eligibility requirement.

What qualifies as an educational or enrichment activity?

Educational or enrichment activities could include arts and crafts, homework assistance, life skills, and computer or remedial education. Competitive sports teams are not eligible. However, afterschool care programs that include a sports activity as part of their enrichment program may be eligible.

What are the licensing requirements for afterschool care programs?

After-school programs do not need to be licensed unless required by the State of Indiana, Family and Social Services Administration, Bureau of Child Care. After-school programs exempt from licensing must meet state or local health and safety standards.

Who is eligible to receive afterschool snacks and suppers?

Reimbursement may be claimed for snacks and suppers served to all school age children through the age of eighteen in eligible afterschool programs. If a student's nineteenth birthday occurs during the school year, reimbursement may be claimed for that child through the remainder of the school year.

Are there any meal time restrictions?

On weekdays when school is in session snacks and suppers must be served after the school day has ended. On weekends and holidays snacks and suppers may be served at any time of the day.

What kinds of snacks and suppers are required?

Snacks contain at least **two different components** from the following four:

- milk;
- meat or meat alternate;
- vegetable or fruit or full-strength vegetable or fruit juice; and
- bread or bread alternate.



Suppers include:

- milk;
- meat or meat alternate;
- 2 servings of vegetables and/or fruit; and
- bread or bread alternate.

What are the rates of reimbursement?

At-risk afterschool programs may claim reimbursement for one snack and one supper, per child, per day. All suppers have the additional cash-in-lieu of commodities payment. Please check our web page for the **current rates of reimbursement**: <http://www.doe.in.gov/food/childadults/welcome.html>

What are the record keeping requirements?

The following records, although not inclusive, must be maintained by at-risk afterschool care centers:

- center attendance - daily attendance rosters or sign-in sheets;
- meal attendance - daily records of the number of snacks and suppers served to children;
- menus for each snack and supper;
- number of snacks and suppers prepared or delivered for each snack and supper service; and
- all food service program operating costs and income.

For more information:

- Visit the Child and Adult Care Food Program website at <http://www.doe.in.gov/food/childadults/welcome.html>,
- Call 800-537-1142, option 2, or
- Email Carol Markle (cmarkle@doe.in.gov), Maggie Abplanalp (Maggie@doe.in.gov), or Heather Stinson (hstinson@doe.in.gov)

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-Dr. Tony Bennett, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.