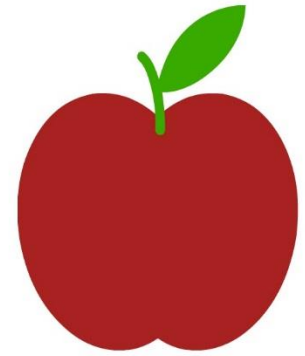


AFTERSCHOOL SNACK PROGRAM



The **Afterschool Snack Program** is a federally assisted snack program operating in public and nonprofit private schools and residential child care institutions.

How does the Afterschool Snack Program work?

Generally, public or nonprofit private schools of high school grade or under and public or nonprofit private residential child care institutions and eligible camps may participate in the Afterschool Snack Program. School districts and independent schools that choose to take part in the snack program receive cash subsidies from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for each snack they serve. In return, they must serve snacks that meet Federal requirements, they must offer free or reduced price snacks to eligible children, and snacks must be available after the school day.

What sites are eligible to participate in the school-based Afterschool Snacks Program?

In order to participate, a site must run the National School Lunch program and sponsor or operate an afterschool care program that is open to all children. This program must provide regularly scheduled educational or enrichment activities in a supervised environment.

What schools can participate?

Schools can participate as well as sites that are in the attendance area of a school where at least 50% of the enrolled children are eligible for free and reduced price meals. If a school has 50% of the enrolled children or more eligible for free or reduced priced meals the afterschool snack offered is free to all children, and the school will receive reimbursement. If less than 50% of the children enrolled in the school are eligible for free or reduced priced meals, schools will claim snacks as paid, reduced or free depending on each student's eligibility.

Link to Afterschool Snacks FAQs:

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/afterschool-snacks-faqs>

What are the food requirements for afterschool snacks?

Afterschool snacks must contain at least two different components of the following four: 8 oz. of fluid milk, 1 oz. equivalent of meat or meat alternate, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of vegetables or fruit (including 100% vegetable or fruit juice), and 1 oz. equivalent of grain (whole grain and/or enriched). Students must take both components to make a reimbursable snack.

How do children qualify for free and reduced priced afterschool snacks?

All students should be allowed to drop in to the program to receive a snack. Schools may or may not charge for the snacks depending on the type of program they are operating and if the student is eligible for free, reduced, or paid meals. Contact the school for more information.

How much reimbursement do schools get?

USDA provides cash reimbursement for each snack served to schools in the Afterschool Snack Program. As of November, 2017 the basic cash reimbursement rates are:

Free snacks \$0.88
Reduced-price snacks \$0.44
Paid snacks \$0.08

What if my snack program does not meet the Afterschool Snack Program Requirements?

If your snack program is not eligible to operate the Afterschool Snack Program, you may still qualify for snack reimbursement under the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Use the contact information below for more information.

For More Information About
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