



# After School Snack Program (ASSP)

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# Smart Snacks



	What is it?	Purpose	Requirements	Meal Pattern	Reimbursement
After School Snack Program	<p>Federally-assisted snack service that provides cash reimbursement to encourage or assist schools in serving snacks to children after the regular school day.</p> <p>This program is an extension of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).</p>	<p>Help children fully engage in afterschool programming by filling the hunger gap many children face in the afternoon and early evening.</p>	<p>Can only be operated by a school or Residential Child Care Institution that implements the NSLP.</p> <p>Snack must be served after school during a program organized to provide children with regularly scheduled enrichment or educational activities.</p>	<p>Schools must implement the <a href="#">ASSP meal pattern</a> in order to claim reimbursement for each snack served. Each student must receive two complete components to be considered a reimbursable snack.</p> <p>Snacks served under ASSP do not need to be Smart Snack compliant. Please note that not all food/beverages that are Smart Snack compliant meet the ASSP meal pattern and vice versa.</p>	<p><u>Area Eligible Schools</u></p> <p>Reimbursed at the free rate, regardless of an individual student's eligibility.</p> <p><u>Non-Area Eligible Schools</u></p> <p>Reimbursed at the free, reduced price, and paid rate depending on each individual child's eligibility status.</p>
Smart Snacks	<p>National nutrition standards for all foods sold outside of NSLP, ASSP, and the School Breakfast Program.</p>	<p>Ensure that à la carte items sold in the cafeteria and foods sold in school stores, snack bars, vending machines, and during fundraisers provide adequate nutrition for students.</p>	<p>Applies to any food and beverage sold to students on a school's campus* during the school day**. Those foods that are provided as part of a reimbursable meal are exempt from Smart Snacks unless sold as seconds or for a la carte***.</p>	<p>A snack, entrée, or beverage must follow <a href="#">Smart Snack Standards</a>.</p> <p>Food or beverage items need to be entered into the <a href="#">Smart Snacks Product Calculator</a> using label information to see if it meets the standards.</p>	<p>No reimbursement provided.</p>

\* School campus include any location accessible to students, including school buildings, lounges, hallways, athletic facilities, etc.

\*\*Please note that the school day is defined as the midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the school day.

\*\*\* Entrees sold the same day and the day after are exempt from Smart Snacks standards