

Child and Adult Care Food Program

The After School CACFP “At-Risk” Program

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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Which After School Programs Are Eligible?

- The program must be operated by a public or private nonprofit organization.
 - Proprietary organizations may also be eligible and should contact State agency for additional information.
- 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 after-school care programs are offered must meet state or local health and safety standards, but may not

need to be licensed as child care centers by the NJ Office 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.

Available Funding

The After-School At-Risk Snack/Meal 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.

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.**

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