

At-Risk Afterschool Snacks/Suppers

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 children through age eighteen participating in afterschool care programs in low income areas.

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 cannot be included in determining this percentage

What kinds of afterschool care 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 open to all children
- is 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. Students who are part of school sports teams and clubs also qualify as part of a broad, overarching educational or enrichment program offered by the school.

What are the licensing requirements for afterschool care programs?

Afterschool care programs do not need to be licensed unless required by the State of Michigan, Department of Human Services, Bureau of Child and Adult Licensing. Afterschool care 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 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.

What kinds of snacks and suppers are required?

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

- milk
- meat or meat alternate
- vegetable or fruit or full-strength vegetable or fruit juice
- grain

Suppers include:

- milk
- meat or meat alternate
- 2 different vegetable servings **or** one serving of vegetable and one serving of fruit
- grain

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 are the rates of reimbursement?

At-risk afterschool programs may claim reimbursement for one snack and one supper, per child, per day at the following rates:

Snack - \$.88

Supper - \$3.23

An additional \$.2325 cash-in-lieu of commodities is paid for each supper served. These rates are effective through **June 30, 2018**.

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
- all food service program operating costs and income

How do I apply?

The application for At-Risk Afterschool Snacks/Suppers is part of the Child Nutrition Application Program (CNAP), a web-based application system. For more information, visit the [CACFP website](http://www.michigan.gov/cacfp) (www.michigan.gov/cacfp), call 517-373-7391.

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