

23g MI Kids Back on Track

Food and Meals

If meals or snacks are going to be served, federal meal program funds must be used first. This document provides information on the various federal nutrition programs that may be appropriate for any 23g funded out-of-school time programs, including summer school.

Afterschool Snack Program

The Afterschool Snack Program provides a nutritious, low-cost, or free snack after school to children in public and private schools, public school academies, and residential childcare institutions throughout Michigan.

Program Requirements:

- Participate in the National School Lunch Program.
- Provide an afterschool care program that includes education or enrichment activities in a supervised environment.
- Enrichment activities include homework assistance, tutoring, and drama activities.

Program Eligibility:

- Eligible: At least 50% of enrolled children at this site are eligible for free or reduced-price meals based on October claims.
- Area Eligible: Middle and High Schools are considered area eligible when students from an area eligible Elementary school (or Middle school) follow an education pathway or “Feed into” the higher-level school.
- Non-Area Eligible: Collect applications and check the direct certification list for all students participating.

For questions regarding the Afterschool Snack Program, please contact Michigan School Nutrition Programs at mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov or 517-241-5374.

At-Risk After-School Program

The At-Risk Afterschool Program is a reimbursement program for nutritious snacks and/or suppers served to participants in eligible and organized programs during the school year when school is not in session.

Program Requirements:

- Participate in the Child and Adult Care Program.
- Provide afterschool care and meals to school children after the school day ends, on weekends, and during school holidays during the regular school year.
- Provide educational or enrichment activities open to all children in an organized, structured, and supervised environment.
- Enrichment activities include, but are not limited to, homework assistance, arts and crafts, and organized fitness activities.

Program Eligibility:

- Be organized primarily to provide care for children after school or on the weekends, holidays, or school vacations during the regular school year.
- Provide organized, regularly scheduled education or enrichment activities (i.e., in a structured and supervised environment).
- Be located in an attendance area of school where at least 50 percent or more of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

For questions regarding the At-Risk Afterschool Program, please contact the Child and Adult Care Food Program at MDE-CACFP@michigan.gov or 517-241-5376

Extended School Year - National School Lunch Program

The Extended School Year is part of the National School Lunch Program. Program sponsors can serve lunch and breakfast to enrolled students attending summer school. Meal service continues under the National School Lunch Program rather than switching to the Summer Food Service Program, where kids in the community are welcome at meals.

Program Requirements:

- Participate in the National School Lunch Program.
- Provide summer school or similar enrichment programs.

For questions regarding the Extended School Year Program, please contact Michigan School Nutrition Programs at mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov or 517-241-5374.

Summer Food Service Program

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is designed to assist sponsors in feeding children 18 years of age and under during the summer months when school is out of session. The program is open to non-profit organizations, schools, and camps. To become a sponsor, you should:

- Be a school or non-profit organization.
- Be in good standing in any other federal-sponsored food program.
- Be financially and administratively capable.

The SFSP is an excellent opportunity for schools to continue to feed the children in the neighborhood. It allows schools to continue to foster great nutrition benefits and good eating habits. If your school is already participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), or Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), the SFSP is an excellent opportunity.

Program Eligibility:

- Schools in areas where at least 50% of school-aged children are eligible for free and reduced-priced meals or an area that qualifies with census data can operate sites to serve the SFSP.

If you are interested in the SFSP, contact at mde-sfsp@michigan.gov.