

A DAY OF GOOD NUTRITION

Serving a Snack and/or Supper After School under the Child and Adult Care Food Program At-Risk Afterschool Program



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Go to SquareMeals.org and select the At-Risk Afterschool care center Handbook to see all eligibility and operational requirements.

The federally funded Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) At-Risk Afterschool Program provides reimbursements to approved contracting entities (CE) for meals served during the school year after the regular school day ends or during a weekend, holiday, or school break other than summer. To be reimbursed, the snack and/or supper must be served in combination with an educational or enrichment activity.

A school, school district, or child care provider can complete an application to offer the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Program for its campuses at any time by following the steps at www.SquareMeals.org. Select **Child and Adult Care Food Program** and then select **Can I be a CACFP Contracting Entity?**

KEY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- The organization must be organized primarily to provide care for children after school or on weekends, holidays or school vacations **during the regular school year.**
 - At-Risk Afterschool meals can only be claimed during the regular school year. To provide meals in summer, ask your Education Service Center about the **Summer Food Service Program.**
- The program must provide supervised, structured, regularly scheduled education or enrichment activities such as, but not limited to, organized fitness activities, arts and crafts, and/or tutoring.
 - **NOTE:** Students who are part of a school sports teams or clubs can receive At-Risk Afterschool meals or snacks as part of the enrichment program, but the program cannot be limited to that sports team or club.
- The location must be in an attendance area of a school where at least 50 percent or more of the enrolled children are eligible for free or reduced-priced meals.
- The At-Risk Afterschool care center must be licensed or if exempt from licensing must provide documentation of compliance with health and safety codes that are required by state or local law.
- Meals and snacks must meet USDA's CACFP meal pattern requirements.
- The At-Risk Afterschool care center must be able to demonstrate financial viability, financial management competence, administrative capability, and program accountability.



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ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTATION AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR SCHOOLS

Schools do not need to collect eligibility documentation from parents or guardians. At-Risk Afterschool meals and snacks are reimbursed at the free rate. The reimbursement received for lunches or suppers also includes a cash-in-lieu (CIL) of USDA commodities amount. The CE may use their available commodities for meals served through CACFP, but they will not receive additional commodity entitlement.

For more information on CIL and other program details, see the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Handbook at www.SquareMeals.org. Select **Child and Adult Care Food Program** and then select **CACFP Policy & Handbook**.



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