

# At-Risk Afterschool Meals



## What is the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program?

- The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a federally funded, State-administered program that provides **funding to child and adult care centers and homes that serve healthy meals and snacks.**
- Through the At-Risk Afterschool Meals component of CACFP, healthy meals and snacks can be served to children and teenagers who are aged 18 or under at the start of the school year. There is not a minimum age requirement.

## What are the eligibility requirements for organizations to participate in the At-Risk Afterschool Meals program?

- 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 in an attendance area of a school where at least 50 percent or more of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

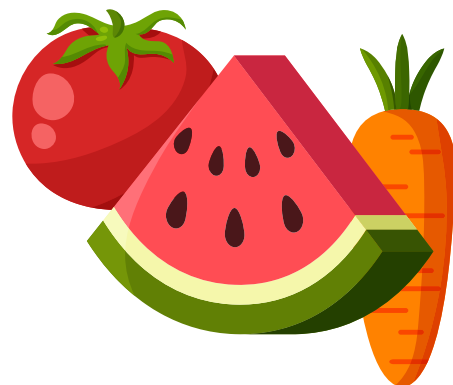


## What are some examples of the educational or enrichment activities that can be offered through the program?

- There are no specific requirements for the types of educational and enrichment activities that a program can offer, examples include, but are not limited to, arts and crafts, homework assistance, life skills, remedial education, organized fitness activities, etc.

## How many meals/snacks may be offered through CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals?

- Participating sites can offer one meal and/or one snack per child, per day, during both school and non-school days.



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## What is the process for reimbursement?

- Reimbursements are paid out of Program funds made available to DECAL from the USDA. DECAL pays reimbursements directly to independent centers or to sponsoring organizations, which then reimburse or use the funds to provide food to sponsored facilities.
- Reimbursement rates are based on a formula established by Congress. Reimbursements are based on the number of meals and/or snacks served to children multiplied by the free rate for meals and snacks, respectively.
- To receive reimbursement, sponsors and independent centers must submit monthly claims to DECAL. These claims must accurately report the number of meals and snacks served.

## Are for-profit child care centers eligible to receive reimbursement for the At-Risk Afterschool Meals component of the CACFP? If yes, what are the eligibility requirements?

- Yes, for-profit child care centers are eligible to receive reimbursement if twenty five percent of the children enrolled receive Title XX funds (childcare subsidy) or meet the income eligibility criteria for free or reduced-price meals.
- If a for-profit organization is operating only an after-school care program, the organization may only be approved to serve as an outside school hours center when at least 25% of the center's participants qualify for free or reduced-priced meals or are Title XX participants.



## How can I apply to participate in the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program?

**Please contact DECAL's Nutrition Services Division at 404-657-1779 or email [CACFP@decalfga.gov](mailto:CACFP@decalfga.gov)**

