

Comparing the Child and Adult Care Food Program's (CACFP) At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program to the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

Description

	CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals	SFSP
Program Purpose	Provide care to At-Risk children outside of school hours – after school, weekends, holidays	Provide meals to children when school is not in session over the summer
Children Served	Participates in a program organized primarily for children in low income areas	Those in areas of economic need
Administration	Sponsoring organizations or independent centers	Sponsors

Eligibility

	CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals	SFSP
Child Eligibility	Ages 18 and under (or any age if disabled)	Ages 18 or under (or any age if disabled)
Location	“Area eligible” based only on school attendance area	Open sites – “Area eligible” based on school or census area data
Eligible Sponsors	Schools, non-profits, and for-profits	Schools, non-profits, and for-profits

Reimbursement

	CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals	SFSP
Number and Type of Meals Eligible for Reimbursement	One meal and one snack	Two meals (any combination except lunch and supper) or one meal and one snack
Reimbursement Rate	“Free” rate for all meals and snacks served	“Free” rate for all meals and snacks served

Activities

CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals	SFSP
Programs must provide organized, regularly scheduled activities and include educational or enrichment activities	No educational or enrichment activities are required, only encouraged

In North Carolina

	CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals	SFSP
State Agency	Managed by the NC Department of Health and Human Services	Managed by the NC Department of Public Instruction

Flexibilities for School Food Authorities Adding CACFP At-Risk Afterschool

- Streamlined application
- Streamlined training requirements
- CACFP or NSLP meal pattern requirements

If you're currently serving National School Lunch Program (NSLP) snacks afterschool, consider serving a full meal through the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Program by becoming a sponsor or working with an existing non-SFA sponsor.

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