

CACFP Overview



The CACFP is a federal- and state-funded program that gives financial aid to child care

centers, adult day centers, and day care homes to provide nutritious, well-balanced meals, and supports developing healthy eating habits for children.

Until recently, agencies operating after school programs in at-risk areas were only eligible to claim reimbursement for one snack per child per day. However, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 has expanded the at-risk, after school program to include reimbursement for a meal as well as a snack.

The current reimbursement rates for this program are:

Breakfast	\$1.48 per meal
Lunch/Supper	\$2.72 per meal
Snack	\$0.74 per meal

For additional information about the CACFP, please contact one of our program specialists.

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Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

At-Risk After School Meals



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At-risk After School Program Eligibility

- At-risk, after school centers may be operated by a public, private nonprofit, or private for-profit organization.
- Each after school center must be located in the attendance area of a school in which at least 50 percent of enrolled students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.
- The center must provide after school care with education or enrichment activities.
- The center may claim up to one meal and one snack served to children up to the age of 18 (or any age if determined by the State to be mentally or physically disabled).
- The center may claim meals served to children after school or on weekends, holidays, or school vacations during the regular school year.
- The center may not claim snacks or meals served during summer vacation unless it is located in the attendance area of a school operating on a year-round calendar.
- In order to be claimed, meals and snacks must meet the CACFP meal pat-

How to Apply

- Call one of the CACFP specialists listed on this handout.
- The specialist will complete a prescreening over the phone and follow up with an email request for information.
- Once the requested information has been received and reviewed, a specialist will provide access to the Child Nutrition Information and Payment System (CNIPS), where the agency will complete the Application Packet.
- When all application materials are complete, a specialist will schedule a preapproval visit to the center. This visit will include training for the center staff on all program requirements.
- The CACFP application process generally takes between 4-6 weeks from the initial application date until a final determination is made.



CACFP Meal Patterns

Ages six and older	
Breakfast (Serve all three components)	
Fluid Milk	1 cup
Vegetable, Fruit, or Full-strength Juice	1/2 cup
Grain/Bread	1 slice
Lunch/Supper (Serve all four components)	
Fluid Milk	1 cup
Vegetable and/or Fruit	3/4 cup
Grain/Bread	1 slice
Meat/Meat Alternative	2 oz.
Snack (Serve two of the four components)	
Fluid Milk	1 cup
Vegetable, Fruit, or Full-strength Juice	3/4 cup
Grain/Bread	1 slice
Meat/Meat Alternative	1 oz.

Please note, this is only a summary of the meal pattern requirements. For more detailed requirements, please contact a CACFP specialist.