

Afterschool Snack Program (ASP)

The Afterschool Snack Program (ASP) is a key stepping stone between the National School Lunch Program and the next available meal. For those families struggling with food insecurity the ASP can provide additional assistance for hungry kids in connection with afterschool activities that serves a nutritious and filling snack in the early afternoon hours.



ASP Extended Day

For schools who operate longer than the traditional school day (i.e. schools utilizing 4 day school weeks) the ASP can be served during the regular school day, to all students enrolled at the site. The ASP adds nutritional benefits with limited administrative and labor resources by providing the benefit during the school day.

Colorado Extended Day Criteria:	
Grades Pre-K-5	Grades 6-12
School Day Greater than or equal to 7 Hours	School Day Greater than or equal to 7.5 hours

Program Requirements

- Site must participate in the National School Lunch Program
- Maintain proper records including production records and snack counts
- Conduct two [Self-Monitoring Visits](#) (1st visit within the first 4 weeks of operation)
- Ensure proper claiming of all reimbursable snacks
- Utilize [Food Safety Practices](#) throughout the program



Meal Pattern

A snack must consist of two components. Components include milk, vegetable or fruit, grain, and meat/meat alternate. The same meal pattern applies to all grades.

Component	Amount offered	Example
Milk	1 cup	Milk
Vegetable or Fruit	3/4 cup	Sliced Apples
Grains	1 oz eq.	Graham Cracker
Meat/Meat Alternate	1 oz eq.	Cheese Stick

Reimbursement and Eligibility

Schools with greater than 50% Free and Reduced Eligibility or have local area eligibility, may provide snacks to all students free of charge and are reimbursed at the free rate.

- You can apply for the Afterschool Snack Program at anytime throughout the year.

SY 18-19 Federal Reimbursement	Free	$\$0.91 \times \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ Snacks Served} = \$\underline{\hspace{2cm}}.$
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Next Steps

- If interested in utilizing the Afterschool Snack Program contact:
Erica Boyd at Boyd_E@cde.state.co.us
- Visit the CDE School Nutrition website for more information on the ASP:
<https://www.cde.state.co.us/nutrition/aspthinkingofparticipating>
- Apply through the Colorado Child Nutrition Hub: <https://cde.cnpus.com/codoe/splash.aspx>

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