

When School's Out: Child Nutrition Options for Kids



The Afterschool Snack Program (ASP), the Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Afterschool Program, and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) are all federal child nutrition programs that can be utilized to provide nutritious meals and snacks to children outside of regular school time. In Colorado, the ASP and SFSP are administered by the Colorado Department of Education and the CACFP Afterschool Program is administered by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. To assist operators in identifying programmatic differences, the chart below outlines the basic requirements of each program.



| Program | Afterschool Snack Program (ASP) | CACFP Afterschool | Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) |
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| State Agency | Colorado Department of Education, School Nutrition Unit | Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment | Colorado Department of Education, School Nutrition Unit |
| Program Eligibility | <p>Site must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operate the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and/or School Breakfast Program (SBP). Provide children with regularly scheduled enrichment or educational activities in an organized, structured and supervised environment. | <p>Institution must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizations that primarily provide care for children after school, non-school days or on weekends during the school year. Provide children with regularly scheduled enrichment or educational activities in an organized, structured and supervised environment. | <p>Sponsor must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public or private nonprofit school food authority, a public or private nonprofit college or university, a public or private nonprofit residential summer camp, a unit of local, county, municipal, state or federal government or any other type of private nonprofit organization. Must be tax exempt and demonstrate administrative and financial ability to manage a food service program. |
| Site Eligibility | <p>Area-eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school or a school in the attendance area where are least 50% of students are eligible for free or reduced price meals under NSLP. Snacks are served at no charge to students, and reimbursed at the free rate. <p>Non area-eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school has less than 50% of students eligible for free or reduced price meals. Snacks must be counted and claimed based upon the child's approved eligibility. Snacks are reimbursed at the free, reduced and paid rate. Snack priced for full paid children must be approved by the School Nutrition Unit and the maximum reduced price charge is \$0.15. | <p>Area-eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located in the attendance area of a school where at least 50% of students are eligible for free or reduced price meals under the National School Lunch Program. Site eligibility is valid for five years from the determination date. | <p>Area-eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site located in area where 50% or more of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals using school or census data. Required for open sites; option for closed-enrolled sites. Site eligibility is valid for five years from the determination date. <p>Non area-eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option for closed-enrolled sites as long as half of the kids enrolled are eligible for free or reduced price school meals determined by income eligibility applications. Camp sites: Camps are reimbursed for meals served to children eligible for free or reduced-price school meals determined by income eligibility applications. Migrant sites: Certification by a migrant organization that the sites serve children of migrant farm workers. Site eligibility is valid for one year from the determination date. |

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| Participant Eligibility | Any student enrolled in the district. | Any child through 18 years of age. | Any child or teen 18 years of age and younger. No registration or ID is required. |
| Days & Hours of Operation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School days after the end of the day. ASP Extended Day, during the school day for those schools operating longer than the traditional school day. To qualify for ASP extended day, schools must operate a school day that is at least one hour longer than the minimum number of school day hours required for the comparable grade levels by the local educational agency in which the school is located. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School days after the end of the day. Non-school days during the school year (i.e. teacher work days, school vacations, holidays, fifth day for four day school districts, etc.). Weekends during the school year. To qualify for CACFP extended day, a school must operate at least one hour longer than the minimum number of school day hours required for comparable grade levels by the local educational agency in which the school is located. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-school days during the summer. May-September for traditional school calendar areas. October-April during unanticipated school closures. Sites may operate any day of the week including weekends and holidays during the summer. |
| Allowable Meals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites may claim one snack per student per day. Snacks are reimbursed at the free rate for area eligible sites and at the free, reduced and paid rates for non-area eligible sites. | <p>School days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites can claim up to one afterschool supper and snack per child on school days <p>Non-school days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites can claim one meal and one snack per child <p>Meals and snacks are reimbursed at the free rate (highest rate of reimbursement).</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open and closed-enrolled sites may claim up to two meals per child per day. Camps and migrant sites may claim up to three meals per child per day. Lunch and supper cannot be reimbursed for the same day by the same site except for camp and migrant sites. Meals and snacks are reimbursed at the established annual rate. |
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