

The Afterschool Snack Program (ASP)

Program Resource



Program Overview

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) offers reimbursement to help schools serve snacks to children after their regular school day ends. Afterschool snacks give children a nutritional boost and draw them into supervised activities that are safe, fun and filled with learning opportunities.

What programs may be eligible for snack reimbursement?

- Afterschool care programs
- Schools operating longer than the traditional school day

What are the program guidelines?

- The school district must participate in the National School Lunch Program
- The afterschool program must provide regularly scheduled educational/enrichment activities and be open to all children

What is the required meal pattern for snacks?

Snacks must contain a **complete serving** of any two of the following components:

- Milk
- Vegetable or Fruit
- Grains
- Meat/Meat Alternate

How does my school apply?

- Complete the application located on the Office of School Nutrition website any time throughout the year
- New district sponsors must submit a 2 week cycle menu

Eligibility Options

Area-eligible:

- The school or a school in the attendance area had 50% or more enrolled students approved for free or reduced price meals. Snacks are served at no charge to all children, and reimbursed at the free rate.

Non area-eligible:

- The school has less than 50% of the enrolled students approved for free or reduced price meals. Snacks must be counted and claimed based upon the child's approved eligibility (free, reduced, or paid). Snacks are reimbursed at the free, reduced and paid rate. Snack priced for full paid children must be approved by the Office of School Nutrition and the maximum reduced price charge is \$0.15.

Where can I learn more?

- For more information on Afterschool Care Snack Program guidelines and meal pattern requirements, visit: [Afterschool Snack Program Home Page \(http://www.cde.state.co.us/nutrition/nutrisnack\)](http://www.cde.state.co.us/nutrition/nutrisnack)
- To access the online application for the Afterschool Care Snack Program, visit: [CO Child Nutrition Hub Log On Page \(https://cde.cnpus.com/codoe/Splash.aspx\)](https://cde.cnpus.com/codoe/Splash.aspx)

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