

Key Differences and Similarities in the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program and the Summer Food Service Program

Rules/Options		CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Only	For Both Programs	Summer Food Service Program Only
Sponsor Eligibility	Entity Type	Eligible for-profit child care centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public school food authority Private non-profit school State or local government agency Private non-profit organization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public or private non-profit colleges or universities participating in National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) Public or private non-profit camps
	Services			Provide year-round service to community (except NYSP sponsors). State Agencies may grant exceptions to sponsors of migrant sites and residential camps.
	Capacity		Demonstrate financial and administrative capability (may be defined differently across programs)	Limited to 200 sites and total average daily attendance of 50,000 unless granted an exception by the State Agency.
Site Types	Affiliation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affiliated (share sponsor's legal identity) Unaffiliated (separate legal entity from sponsor) 	
	Unaffiliated Agreements	Cash agreements (sponsor disburses reimbursement less administrative fee)	Non-cash agreements (sponsor assumes all costs and retains full reimbursement)	
	Types	No official site type designations, but programs may be drop-in (open) or enrolled		Defined types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open/open restricted Closed enrolled Camp Migrant NYSP (National Youth Sports Program)
Site Eligibility	Health & Safety		Meet applicable state or local health and safety standards (may be different across programs)	State Agency funding available for inspections.
	Meeting Need	Sites that are <i>not</i> area-eligible may participate in CACFP as Outside-School-Hours-Care Centers (OSHCC) if they meet OSHCC eligibility standards	For all CACFP At-Risk Afterschool sites and SFSP open or open restricted sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located within attendance zone of public elementary, middle, or high school with ≥50% eligible for free and reduced-price meals (FARM) Eligibility determination is valid for 5 years 	For open or open restricted sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located within census block group (CBG) or tract with ≥50% FARM eligible. CBGs with 40-50% FARM eligible may be paired with up to two adjacent CBGs that are ≥50% FARM eligible to confer eligibility over the entire area (SFSP 03-2017). See our Averaged Area Eligibility Map. Closed enrolled and camp sites do not need to be in eligible areas but must serve FARM eligible children. At closed enrolled sites, ≥50% of enrolled participants must be FARM eligible*
	Services	Regularly scheduled educational or enrichment programming	Supervision	Activities are encouraged as a best practice

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Participants	Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During regular school year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After school hours On weekends, holidays, or breaks During unanticipated closures (CACFP 26-2016) Year-round in area of year-round school 	Programs may operate up to seven days per week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During summer break During vacation breaks for year-round schools During unanticipated closures during the regular school year (SFSP 18-2016)
	Eligibility	A 19 year-old could participate if 18 at start of school year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All children and teens through age 18 Persons with disabilities regardless of age 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Persons with disabilities aged 19+ must have a recognized disability (State Agency or LEA) and participate in a regular school meal program
Meal Service	Meal Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reimbursement for supper and/or snack on regular school days Reimbursement for any one meal (breakfast, lunch, or supper) and/or snack on other days Reimbursement for a second snack in lieu of a meal is allowable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One or two meal services per day Congregate, on-site feeding for all meal services with option for one fruit, vegetable, or grain item to be taken off-site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open and closed enrolled sites: claim any two meals and/or snacks <i>except</i> lunch and supper on the same day Camps and migrant sites: may claim up to three meals per day
	Meal Times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meals and snacks must be served after school on school days; schools that meet USDA's definition of expanded learning time may serve before the final bell (SP 01-2011, CACFP 01-2011-Rev) No other restrictions on order, time, or spacing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State restrictions may apply 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three hours must elapse between the beginning of one meal service and the beginning of the next, except that four hours must elapse between lunch and supper*
	Meal Preparation	Purchased and/or prepared on-site by facility (<i>cash agreement with sponsor</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supplied by sponsor through a vendor Prepared and/or delivered by sponsor 	
	Meal Pattern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated CACFP meal standards took effect on October 1, 2017 Offer versus serve (OVS) is permitted for all meals (not snacks) provided by any sponsor or site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School food authorities may opt to follow National School Lunch Program/School Breakfast Program meal patterns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offer versus serve (OVS) is permitted for meals (not snacks) provided by school food authority sponsors only* May be approved to follow age-appropriate CACFP meal patterns if desired; must follow CACFP infant meal pattern if approved to serve infants
	Meal Records	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily meal counts; point of service is preferred Daily attendance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Menus for each meal or snack Number of meals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared or delivered (ex. delivery slip) Served to Program adults 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Point of service meal counts Number of first meals, second meals, any meals served to non-program adults, and leftover meals

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Reimbursements	Rates (2019-2020 & Summer 2019)	<i>Meal Type</i>	<i>All Site Types</i>	Higher rates in Alaska and Hawaii	<i>Meal Type</i>	<i>Rural or Self-Prep</i>	<i>Other Site Types</i>
		Breakfast	\$1.84		Breakfast	\$2.2975	\$2.2550
		Lunch or Supper	\$3.41		Lunch or Supper	\$4.0325	\$3.9675
		Cash-in-lieu of USDA foods	\$0.2375		Snack	\$0.9525	\$0.9325
		Snack	\$0.94				
	Notes on Rates	Follow CACFP “free” rates for July 1 - June 30 of each year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All meals for all eligible children are reimbursable at the same rate Reimbursement based on ‘meals times rate’ without comparison to actual or budgeted costs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USDA commodities accrue for self-prep sponsors/sites at 1.5 cents per meal. For camps: only meals served to FARM eligible children are reimbursable 			
	Administrative Costs	Sponsors may allocate or retain up to 15% of meal reimbursements to cover administrative costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsors must maintain a record of costs but do not have to report them. 				
Monitoring	Pre-Operational		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required for new sites 				
	Visits			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within first week of operation for all sites* 			
	Reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within first four weeks for new sites Three reviews per year At least two must be unannounced At least one unannounced review must include observation of a meal service No more than six months may elapse between reviews Review averaging may be employed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsors of year-round programs may follow CACFP monitoring requirements year-round as long as one review occurs during the summer and includes the unannounced observation of a meal service, and another visit during the school year also includes a meal service observation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least once during first four weeks of site operation each summer “Reasonable” monitoring after first review, based on operations 			

* State agencies or sponsors may request waivers for certain elements or provisions of these SFSP requirements.