



ATHLETIC PROGRAMS AND AFTERSCHOOL MEAL SERVICE

Schools have two options for serving nutritious food to children after the bell has rung:

Afterschool Snack Program (ASSP) is available to schools that implement the National School Lunch Program and offer an after school educational or enrichment program. Schools located in low-income areas are able to provide snacks to students free of charge. Schools which are not located in qualifying low-income areas may also participate. In these cases, reimbursement is provided at the free, reduced price, and paid levels.

At-Risk Afterschool Meals is an option for schools located in low-income areas through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) to provide a meal to students after the school day has ended during an educational or enrichment program. Schools must have a 50% or higher free and reduced rate to qualify for this program.

Eligible afterschool programs:

- Provide educational or enrichment activities in an organized, structured, and supervised environment after the end of the school day.
- May target specific age groups or may accommodate the needs of a wide variety of ages.
- Are open to all children, and do not limit enrollment or membership on the basis of a child's ability.
 - Programs designed to meet the special needs of enrolled children, such as programs for children with learning disabilities or children who are academically gifted, may also be eligible to participate.
- Are an option for students who are part of school sports teams or clubs (that require try-outs or elections) as long as they can drop into a broad, overarching educational or enrichment program offered by the school.

For more information view the National School Lunch Program's [Afterschool Snack Program Quick Guide](#) and the Child and Adult Care Food Program's [At-Risk Afterschool Meals Fact Sheet](#).