



Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Care Program

The At-Risk Afterschool Meals component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) offers federal funding to Afterschool Programs that serve a meal or snack to children in low-income areas.

Benefits

- ◆ Provides children a safe place to go after school.
- ◆ Provides nutritious food that gives children the energy they need to concentrate on homework and join their friends in physical, educational, and social activities.

Program Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for reimbursement under the CACFP, At-Risk Afterschool Care Program, an Afterschool Program must:

1. Be organized primarily to provide care for children after school or on the weekends, holidays, or school vacations during the regular school year.
2. Provide organized regularly scheduled education or enrichment activities (i.e., in a structured and supervised environment).
3. Be located in an attendance area of school where at least 50 percent or more of the children are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

Site Eligibility Requirements

1. Any afterschool program operated by a public or private organization must be located in a low income ("at-risk") area to be eligible for reimbursement for snacks or suppers. To qualify as low income, the site must be located in an area served by a school where at least 50 percent of the enrolled children are certified as eligible to receive free or reduced-price school lunches.
2. The afterschool program must be licensed by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Childhood or be exempt from licensing requirements. Exempt organizations **must** submit documentation to show that minimum health and safety standards have been met. At a minimum, documentation must include a fire safety inspection report and a sanitation report.
3. Family child care homes do not qualify for the At-Risk Afterschool Program.

Reimbursement

Afterschool programs may serve and claim reimbursement for one snack and/or one supper, per child, per day. Children are eligible to participate through age 18. If a student's nineteenth birthday occurs during the school year, reimbursement may be claimed for that child through the remainder of the school year.

For eligible sites, all meals served to school age children attending the At-Risk Afterschool Program are eligible for reimbursement. The current rates are available on the CACFP website at <https://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/nutrition/foodprograms/cacfp/index.php?/cacfp>.

Times of Operation

This reimbursement is available **only** to programs that provide care for children after their school day has ended. It does not apply to snacks and suppers served to children before or during the school day.

Afterschool programs may claim reimbursement for snacks and suppers served on weekends, holidays, and other vacation periods during the regular school year.

Programs may not claim reimbursement through this provision when school is not in session (i.e., when school is closed for the summer).

Recordkeeping Requirements

The intent is to keep any recordkeeping burden to the minimum necessary to ensure that reimbursement is properly paid. At a minimum, afterschool programs participating in the At-Risk Afterschool Program must maintain the following records:

1. Documentation that the program site is located in an area served by a school in which at least 50 percent of the enrolled students are certified eligible for free or reduced-price meals;
2. A daily count of the total number of snacks and suppers served to participating children;
3. Documentation of individual children's attendance on a daily basis; and
4. Menus and receipts for the purchase of food and supplies for all snacks and suppers served.

If your afterschool program meets eligibility requirements and wishes to participate in the snack and supper program, please contact the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Community Food and Nutrition Assistance at 800-733-6251 or at CACFP@health.mo.gov.



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