



## After- School Snack Program

1. **What are “After School Snacks”?** The National School Meals Program offers cash reimbursement to help schools serve snacks to children after their regular school day ends. After school snacks give children a nutritional boost and draw them into supervised activities that are safe, fun and filled with learning opportunities.
2. **How can children benefit from the snack service?** After-school snacks help ensure that children receive the nutrition they need to learn, play and grow. Organized, structured, and supervised programs that provide snacks allow children to think and behave better, and help them make the grade!
3. **How do we tell if our after-school program is eligible?** In order for a site to participate, the school district must run the NSLP (which we do). Additionally the after-school care program must provide children with regularly scheduled educational or enrichment activities in a supervised environment.
4. **Our after-school program does not meet everyday, is it still eligible?** Yes, after-school programs can be for any length of time, or only one day a week. We do ask that it be at least 20 days to help us justify the administrative and equipment expenses.
5. **What type of snacks must be served in the program?** In order to be reimbursed, the snacks must contain at least two different components of the following four: A serving of fluid milk; a serving of meat/meat alternate; a serving of vegetables/fruits; a serving of whole grain or enriched bread and/or cereal.
6. **What would be the price of the snacks?** In schools that are 50% free/reduced the snacks would be offered at no charge. In schools that are not 50% free/reduced the snacks would be priced as follows: Paid students – .50 cents and reduced students – .15 cents. Snack must be paid for by the school and an account code must be provided at the time of request. Schools will be billed for snacks at the end of each month via a journal voucher. The school will receive a copy of the final bill.
7. **Does our school qualify for totally free snacks?** If your school is 50% free and reduced or more you will qualify for free snacks. See below a list of schools that qualify for free snacks.
8. **How does this work? What are the logistics?** The school will designate someone to be the snack distributor. The school will provide the cafeteria manager with a count by 1:00 p.m. Student Nutrition will prepare the snacks and package them with the appropriate paperwork in locking coolers that will be left in the cafeteria. The school designee will distribute one snack per child and record the individual name of the student receiving the snack on the paperwork. The form will then be returned to the cooler and locked and stored in the cafeteria. The cafeteria managers will retrieve the paperwork and clean the cooler in the morning upon returning to work. We ask that the school project the count of snacks needed within a plus/minus five. Student Nutrition may need to bill the school for variations greater, as we will only receive funds for the number of actual student names recorded.
9. **How do I get started?** Contact your Student Nutrition Supervisor for the request form, or use the form on this CD and fax to the Student Nutrition department at 972.968.6392. Please allow 2 weeks for your program to be approved. We must have a request form for groups requesting the after school snack. The request form must be completed and processed before snacks can be served, or they are not eligible for reimbursement.
10. **Audit requirement:** Participation in the program requires that Student Nutrition perform an audit of each program within the first six weeks that the program is in operation and then again before it ends. Therefore it is imperative that the dates on the request form be accurate and revised if needed.