# Offering Free, Healthy Afterschool Meals & Snacks in the 21-22 School Year





## Hunger Solutions New York is a statewide anti-hunger organization.



We increase **awareness** of, **support** for, and **participation** in federal nutrition assistance programs.

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- School Breakfast Program (SBP)
- Community Eligibility Program (CEP)
- Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT)





#### **About Us**

- New York's Statewide Afterschool Network
- Affiliate for the National AfterSchool Association
- State Lead for the National Girls Collaborative Project
- Backbone of the NYS Community Schools Network

## **Stay Connected!**

- Sign up for our listservs
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## **Get Involved**

- School-Age Care Credential
- Afterschool Program Accreditation
- Statewide Professional Development and Coaching
- Professional Membership
- Quality Self-Assessment (QSA) Tool
- Power of 3:00 Policy Campaign



## Why Afterschool Meals?

#### Afterschool meals:

- Support recovery from the academic, health, and economic impacts of COVID-19
- Add value to afterschool programs
- Are an under-tapped resource:
  - For every 100 NY kids who ate F/RP school lunch, only 6.1 had access to afterschool meals – even before the pandemic.<sup>1</sup>

#### Did you know?

71% of surveyed low-income families report that the availability of snacks and meals was important in their selection of their child's afterschool program. Close to half said it was extremely important.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Source: Food Research and Action Center, <u>Afterschool Suppers: A Snapshot of Participation</u>, October 2021. <sup>2</sup>Source: Afterschool Alliance, America After 3PM, December 2020.





### Afterschool Meals 101

The Child and Adult Care Food
Program (CACFP) At-Risk Afterschool
Snack and Supper component funds
healthy food served to kids and teens
in eligible afterschool programs.

CACFP is federally funded, and is administered by **USDA** and **NYS Department of Health.** 

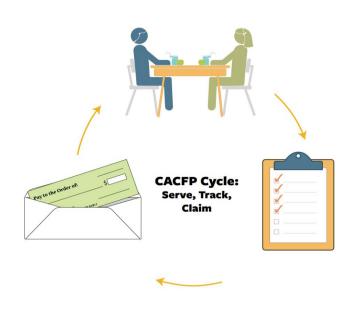




#### How It Works

- CACFP's At-Risk Afterschool component provides per-meal/snack reimbursement, currently \$3.66/meal and \$1.00/snack.
- Programs serve meals, keep track, and request reimbursement on a monthly basis.

Example Reimbursement 50 students x 180 days		
Meals	Snacks	Meals + Snacks
\$32,940	\$9,000	\$41,940



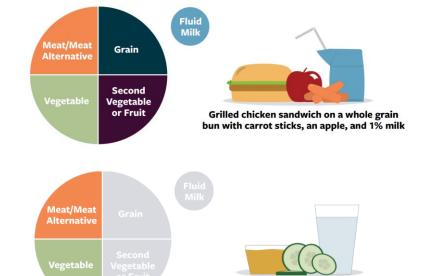


#### How It Works

Meals and snacks must follow CACFP **meal patterns**. Click here for sample menus & more details.

Meals = 5 components

Snacks = 2 components



Hummus, cucumber slices, and water





#### How It Works

#### To qualify, programs must:

- Be organized primarily to provide nonresidential care for children after school or on weekends, holidays, or school breaks during the regular school year.
- **Be public or non-profit**, or for-profit if at least 25% of children served are eligible for F/RP meals or tuition subsidies.
- Provide at least one educational or enrichment activity (can be remote/virtual activities for the 21-22 school year, if needed)
- Be located in an eligible area (waived for the 21-22 school year)



## Afterschool Meals During COVID-19

Ordinarily, programs must:	During the 2021-2022 school year:*
Be located in the enrollment area of a school where ≥50% of students qualify for free or reduced-price school meals.	Programs in <b>all areas</b> may qualify.
Serve meals in a group setting.	Programs can serve <b>grab-and-go or home delivery</b> , and can serve multiple days-worth of meals at once.
Offer an enrichment activity.	Activities may be <b>remote</b> (e.g., virtual or take-home) if needed and approved.  • Activity ideas from No Kid Hungry and NYS Network for Youth Success

Please note: USDA states these flexibilities are for the "duration and extent that they are needed." Contact your CACFP representative if you are interested in implementing any waivers.





### Next Steps

#### Learn more:

- Visit AfterschoolMealsNY.org
- Reach out! We're happy to talk one-on-one.

#### Apply:

- Contact NYS Department of Health:
  - Email cacfp@health.ny.gov (use subject line "Outreach Coordinator")
     or call (518) 402-7400

Note: You can apply at any time of year, even after programs are underway



#### Additional Resources

- Learn more about afterschool meals: <u>AfterschoolMealsNY.org</u>
- Serve and/or promote summer meals: <u>SummerMealsNY.org</u>
- Reach more kids with school meals: <u>SchoolMealsHubNY.org</u>
- Connect families with SNAP and WIC: <u>FoodHelpNY.org</u> & <u>WICHelpNY.org</u>
- Find local data, outreach resources & more:
  - <u>HungerSolutionsNY.org/Resource/Library</u>



## Thank you!

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