Afterschool Snack Program

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Afterschool Snack Definition

A program providing organized childcare services to enrolled school-age children afterschool hours for the purpose of care and supervision of children.

Those programs shall be distinct from any extracurricular programs organized primarily for scholastic, cultural or athletic purposes.
ASSP Requirements

- Schools offering afterschool snacks in afterschool care programs must meet the meal pattern requirements.
- Schools must plan and produce enough food to offer each child the minimum quantities under the meal pattern.
- Schools must price each meal as a unit.
- Schools or school food authorities, as applicable, must keep production and menu records. These records must show how the meals offered contribute to the required food components and food quantities for each age/grade group every day.
- One snack meal per student.
Eligible schools must operate using the NSLP ASSP Meal Pattern Requirements.

Afterschool snacks must contain two different components from the following four:

- Fluid milk
- Meat/meat alternate
- Vegetable or fruit or full-strength vegetable or fruit juice (juice cannot be served when fluid milk is the only other component)
- Whole grain or enriched bread
Children ages 1 to 4 years must be served the food components and quantities required in the snack meal pattern established for the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Unflavored low fat or unflavored fat free milk must be served to children ages 2-5 years.
Each site operating an After School Snack Program must be reviewed two times per year.

- The first review must be completed during the first four weeks the snack program is in operation.
- The second review can be any time during the remainder of the school year.
On Site School Review

Area Eligible:
- 50% F/R eligible – all meals free
- pricing by eligibility category

Non Area Eligible:
- Area Eligible: 50% F/R eligible – all meals free
- pricing by eligibility category

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