Alabama State Department of Education
Child Nutrition Programs
Child and Adult Care Food Program
Activities Policy

1. Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Outside-School-Hours Care Centers (OSHCC) facilities provide planned, supervised, and regularly scheduled activities as part of the care and supervision of children.
    a. Facilities operating OSHCC are required to provide the meal or snack service to students enrolled in any activity.
    b. Sites operating OSHCC may not restrict the meal or snack service to athletic activities or other activities open only to students with special skills or interests.

2. CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Care sites provide regularly scheduled educational or enrichment activities in an organized, structured, and supervised environment.
    a. Descriptions of activities are reviewed during the application process for new and renewing sponsors. Examples of appropriate activities include arts and crafts, homework assistance, life skills, remedial education, and organized fitness. Participation in the activities is voluntary.
    b. The meal or snack service may not be restricted to participants enrolled in an organized sports program. However, a site may serve children who participate in a variety of activities, such as a YMCA that serves snacks to children enrolled in afterschool care, swim classes, and the local intramural flag football team.
    c. CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Care sites may contract with other organizations, including for-profits, to provide educational or enrichment activities required for the Program.

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APPENDIX: Links to Resources

7 CFR 226.17a(b)(1)(iii)
Eligible at-risk afterschool care programs
ECFR.gov | 7 CFR 226.17a(b)(1)(iii)

7 CFR 226.19(b)
Requirements for Outside-School-Hours Care Centers
ECFR.gov | 7 CFR 226.19(b)

USDA At-Risk Afterschool Meals (2016)
Eligibility Requirements: Activities
USDA At-Risk Afterschool Meals - A CACFP Handbook

USDA FNS Instruction 782-1, Rev. 1 Guidance Document (1986)
FNS-USDA.gov | Outside School Hours Care Centers

USDA Policy Memo: CACFP 08-2012
The At-Risk Afterschool Meals Component of the CACFP, Questions and Answers
USDA Policy Memo: CACFP 08-2012

Afterschool Snacks/Programs for Out-of-School-Time Providers
FNS.USDA.gov | Afterschool Snacks (updated 1-23-2025)