

A dark blue silhouette of a child sitting and reading a book, set against a lighter blue background with a subtle texture. The child is positioned on the left side of the frame, facing right.

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# At-Risk Afterschool Program

**Presented by:** The Child and Adult Care Food Program



# In 2019 a new law was created that required schools to participate in CACFP

<https://www.maine.gov/doe/sites/maine.gov.doe/files/inline-files/LD%20577.pdf>

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CHAPTER

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PUBLIC LAW

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

H.P. 421 - L.D. 577

An Act To Increase Access to Nutritious Foods in Schools by Implementing  
an After-school Food Program for At-risk Students

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6602, sub-§1, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. A school administrative unit shall participate in the federal child and adult care food program established in 42 United States Code, Section 1766 as required under this paragraph. The commissioner shall assist school administrative units subject to the requirements of this paragraph in developing a plan to participate in the federal child and adult care food program to serve at-risk students who attend after-school programming and in obtaining federal, state and private funds to pay for this program. Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, a school administrative unit with at least one public school in which at least 50% of students qualified for a free or reduced-price lunch during the preceding school year shall participate in the federal child and adult care food program in accordance with 42 United States Code, Section 1766 during the school year, subject to the provisions of this paragraph.

Notwithstanding other provisions of this paragraph, a school administrative unit that is required to operate a federal child and adult care food program may choose not to operate such a program if it determines by a vote of the governing body of the school administrative unit after notice and a public hearing that operating such a program would be financially or logistically impracticable.

# How do I know if my school district meets the 50% or more criteria?

CACFP At-Risk Status Report by District:

<https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/cacfp/atrisk>

District Name	School Name	Eligible %	
Airline CSD	Airline Community School	56.1	Participating in CACFP
Andover Public Schools	Andover Elementary School	70.59	
Athens Public Schools	Athens Community School	52.34	Officially Opted Out of CACFP
Auburn Public Schools	Washburn School	96.18	
Auburn Public Schools	Park Avenue Elementary School	81.37	CACFP Application Not Complete
Auburn Public Schools	Walton School	75.98	
Auburn Public Schools	Sherwood Heights Elementary Sch	63.54	District Failed to Respond
Augusta Public Schools	Parrington School	71.43	
Augusta Public Schools	Sylvia J Gilbert School	59.43	
Augusta Public Schools	Lincoln School	56.49	
Augusta Public Schools	Cory Middle School	53.1	
Baileysville Public Schools	Woodland Jr-Sr High School	52.82	
Baileysville Public Schools	Woodland Elementary School	51.8	
Bangor Public Schools	Fairmount School	100	
Bangor Public Schools	Vine Street School	100	
Bangor Public Schools	Downeast School	100	
Bangor Public Schools	James F. Doughty School	72.84	
Beak Public Schools	Beak Elementary School	51.52	
Biddeford Public Schools	Biddeford Intermediate School	58.61	
Biddeford Public Schools	Biddeford Primary School	58.42	
Biddeford Public Schools	John F. Kennedy Memorial School	55.23	
Biddeford Public Schools	Biddeford Middle School	54.3	
Bristol Public Schools	Bristol Consolidated School	50.51	
Calais Public Schools	Calais Middle/High School	56.56	
Calais Public Schools	Calais Elementary School	50.29	
Casswell Public Schools	Dawn F. Barnes Elementary Sch	80.43	
Charlotte Public Schools	Charlotte Elementary School	74.07	
Connor Consolidated School-EUT	Connor Consolidated School	65.12	
Corvallis Regional Charter School	Corvallis Regional Charter School	71.32	
Corvallis Regional Charter School	Corvallis Downtown Campus	68.55	
Corvallis Regional Charter School	Corvallis Early Childhood Campus	53.06	
Cutter Public Schools	Bay Ridge Elementary	61.19	

# What do we need to serve for CACFP At Risk Afterschool?

The typical meals are:

**Snack-** 2 components

**Supper-** 5 components

- Meals can be served in unitized containers or served through your regular lunch line
- Meals can be hot or cold – Which makes this a great opportunity to use unserved items from lunch
- Schools can also use Offer vs. Serve, Meaning you offer all five components and students need to take at least 3
- And here's the best part! You receive \$4.90 for every supper meal served! That includes \$4.60 + 0.305 cents cash in lieu of commodities.

**If my district meets the requirements of the law for CACFP At Risk Afterschool, but our district is already serving snacks through the Afterschool Snack Service Program, do we need to do anything?**

Yes, the district needs to either participate in the CACFP At Risk Afterschool program or opt out using the guidance from the law.

# Our district/school does not offer an afterschool enrichment activity, what are we required to do?

An Afterschool education/enrichment activity that is **open to all**, is a requirement to participate in CACFP At Risk Afterschool. If a district/school does not provide education/enrichment activities, the district/school does not qualify for CACFP At Risk and must opt out using the guidance from the law or start an enrichment program.

# How does my district opt out?

By Law a school administrative unit that is required to operate a federal Child and Adult Care Food Program may choose not to operate such a program if it determines by a vote of the governing body of the school administrative unit after notice and a public hearing that operating such a program would be financially or logistically impracticable.

# What is the process for starting the program?

1. Reach out to Child Nutrition via email [Child.Nutrition@maine.gov](mailto:Child.Nutrition@maine.gov) and let us know your district is interested in starting the program.
2. Watch CACFP At Risk Webinar: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/cacfp/atrisk>
3. Send CACFP Team required information to be set up in CNPweb.
4. Obtain User IDs and Passwords from CACFP Team
5. Complete CACFP Online Agreement thru CNPweb
6. Agreement Approved!



Examples of unitized meals from Portland Public Schools

\*Using CACFP Meal Pattern



# Point Of Service (POS) Meal Counts

01

Daily counts of  
total meals  
served by type

02

Must be taken at  
time of meal  
service =

03

Immediately  
before, during or  
immediately  
after meal  
service

# Attendance Records:

**Accountability is key!!**

Districts **CANNOT** claim more meals than participants in attendance!

Are a requirement!

Must be recorded separately from meal counts

Can be recorded on the same form as meal counts

Two different people should record or check meal counts & attendance to ensure accuracy!

Attendance supports actual meal counts recorded!

**Can the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Program continue to operate in summer after schools close for summer vacation? For example, if a school officially ends SY 2025-2026 on May 31, 2026, can the school continue to operate CACFP At-Risk until June 30, 2026?**

# CEP

# Full Plates Full Potential Grant

The Oakhurst Afterschool Meals Grant

- Grant range: \$500-\$8,000 (new sponsors) \$500-\$5,000 (existing sponsors)
- Purpose: Support Maine CACFP At Risk Afterschool programs
- Eligible uses include:
  1. Kitchen equipment & supplies
  2. Local food taste tests & supplies
  3. Professional development
  4. Transportation/vehicle costs
  5. Outreach, marketing, & materials
- Not allowed: regular meal costs or ongoing operational staffing
- Important Dates:
  - October 15, 2025 Application opens
  - October 31, 2025 Application deadline
  - December 5, 2025 Grants announced

FMI: <https://www.fullplates.org/oakhurst-afterschool-meals-grant>



# **Connect with Experienced CACFP Directors**

# Questions?

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<https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/cacfp/atrisk>



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