

**National School Lunch After-school Snack Program vs. Child and Adult Care Food Program At-Risk After-school Program
Center for Best Practices - Summary of Similarities and Differences**

Requirement	NSLP Area-Eligible Snacks	NSLP Afterschool Snacks	CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals
Site Types & Requirements	School or community Schools do not have to meet additional health and safety requirements. Community sites must comply with any state or local licensing, health, or safety standards.	School or community Schools do not have to meet additional health and safety requirements. Community sites must comply with any state or local licensing, health, or safety standards.	School or community Schools do not have to meet additional health and safety requirements. Community sites must comply with any state or local licensing, health, or safety standards.
Area Eligibility for Each Site	Within the attendance zone of a public school with ≥50% free or reduced-price eligible	N/A	Within the attendance zone of a public school with ≥50% free or reduced-price eligible
Programming Requirements	Regularly scheduled educational or enrichment activities in a structured and supervised environment Cannot operate for the sole benefit of competitive athletics	Regularly scheduled educational or enrichment activities in a structured and supervised environment Cannot operate for the sole benefit of competitive athletics	Regularly scheduled educational or enrichment activities in a structured and supervised environment Cannot operate for the sole benefit of competitive athletics
Operating Days	School days only	School days only	Any day
Operating Time Period	Throughout the year if school is in session	Throughout the year if school is in session	Regular school year only (unless the program serves children attending year-round school)
Child Eligibility	Through age 18 (as of the start of the school year) Persons with disabilities of any age	Through age 18 (as of the start of the school year) Persons with disabilities of any age	Through age 18 (as of the start of the school year) Persons with disabilities of any age
Income Eligibility Information	No eligibility information required	Household income eligibility classification required (direct certification allowed)	No eligibility information required
Allowable Meal Types *Reimbursement provided for only one meal per child at each meal service	Snack	Snack	Snack and/or supper on school days Any one meal (breakfast, lunch, or supper) and/or snack on non-school days
Time Restrictions	After the end of the school day except for extended day/ expanded learning time schools	After the end of the school day except for extended day/ expanded learning time schools	On school days, after the end of the school day except for extended day/ expanded learning time schools Any time on non-school days with state agency approval
Reimbursement Rate	Rate Free rate for all snacks served	Free, reduced-price, or paid rate according to children's eligibility status	Rate Free rate for all snacks served
Meal Charges	Free of charge	Charges permitted in accordance with each child's income eligibility status	Free of charge