

THE CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
BUREAU OF HEALTH/NUTRITION, FAMILY SERVICES  
AND ADULT EDUCATION

AFTER-SCHOOL SNACK PROGRAM



As part of the Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998, the National School Lunch Program was expanded to provide cash reimbursements for snacks served to children in certain after-school care programs. The purpose of this action was to promote the health and well being of children and youth in our communities.

In order to participate in the After-School Snack Program, the following preliminary requirements must be met by the School Food Authority (SFA):

1. The SFA must be participating in the National School Lunch Program.
2. The SFA must be sponsoring or operating an after-school care program which:
  - ◆ Provides children with regularly scheduled activities in an organized, structured and supervised environment.
  - ◆ Includes educational or enrichment activities.
3. If the SFA is a new sponsor to the After-School Snack Program, a letter of intent signed by the Superintendent must be submitted.
4. The SFA must complete an application form and submit it to the Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education for approval. **An application must be completed and approved for each site in order for each site to be eligible to receive federal reimbursements.** (*New sites that start midway through the school year must have approved applications on file.*)



**Note:** In order to receive reimbursements for September 2009, the Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education must receive all applications by September 15, 2009. **All other applications must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the start of each After-School Snack Program.**

Funding for the After-School Snack Program is determined by *area eligibility* **or** by the *income eligibility* of the children enrolled in the after-school program. To find out if a school is area eligible, go to the following website:

<http://www.ct.gov/sde/nutrition>  
Click on School Nutrition Programs

An after-school program site qualifies as *area eligible* if it is located in the attendance area of a school (i.e., elementary, middle, high school), which has at least 50 percent of its enrollment eligible for free or reduced price meals during the month of October 2008.

**(Note: October 2008 figures should be used until February 2010. After February 1, October 2009 data should be used.)** All snacks served at *area eligible* after-school sites are eligible for the free rate of reimbursement. )

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After-school sites that do not qualify as *area eligible* may claim snacks based upon *income eligibility* categories of the participating children. Counting procedures must be developed in order to document snacks that are served by category.

*Income Eligible* programs may choose to:

- A. Offer all snacks free of charge (non-pricing) if the program has other sources of support, **or**
- B. Institute a collection procedure that collects 15 cents from children eligible for reduced price snacks and an established local price for full paying students.

If your school district operates sites which meet the criteria stated in numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 above, complete the After-School Snack Program application addendum for **each eligible site** and forward it to: Jackie Schipke, Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education, Child Nutrition Programs, 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457 or email it to: [jackie.schipke@ct.gov](mailto:jackie.schipke@ct.gov). Your application will be reviewed and you will be notified if your after school care program is eligible for participation.

The 2009-2010 USDA Rates for Reimbursement for the After-School Snack Program are:

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|------|-------|---------|-------|------|-------|
| Paid | \$.06 | Reduced | \$.37 | Free | \$.74 |
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Additionally, the After-School Snack Program website has important information that will help you become more familiar with this federally funded program. (A summary of the snack program requirements can also be found on this website.) The information includes the following:



1. The Meal Pattern requirements
2. A sample one-month menu
3. Common serving sizes for purchased snack items
4. A sample production record (Required)
5. Samples of daily snack count records (Required)
6. On-Site monitoring forms (Required)
7. Noncreditable or "Other" Foods
8. Avoiding Common Problems with Snack
9. Serving Sizes for Grains/Breads



***Reminder:*** After-School Snack Programs that are part of schools participating in Connecticut's Healthy Food Certification, will not only have to serve snacks that comply with the current USDA meal pattern requirements; however, they will also need to comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards as well. For more information on Connecticut's Healthy Food Certification go to: <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2626&q=320754>

Please review the materials and contact Jackie Schipke at 860-807-2123 if you have any questions. Also, for additional information regarding the After-School Snack Program, contact USDA's Food and Nutrition Service website at: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Afterschool/default.htm>