

OSPI School Meal Programs Reference Sheet

Afterschool Snack Program

The Afterschool Snack Program provides an afternoon snack to children that attend a supervised, educational or enrichment activity sponsored or operated by a Local Education Agency (LEA) that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Individual sites or schools may participate in the Afterschool Snack Program.

Requirements:

- ✓ Sites may qualify as:
 - **Area Eligible:**
 - Located in a school or attendance area where $\geq 50\%$ of the enrolled children are eligible for free/reduced-price meals.
 - Snacks are reimbursed at the free rate for all students participating and receiving a snack.
 - **Non-area Eligible:**
 - Located in a school or attendance areas where $\leq 50\%$ of enrolled children are eligible for free and reduced-price meals.
 - Snacks are reimbursed as free, reduced, or paid based on each individual students' eligibility status OR all snacks are reimbursed at the paid rate.
- ✓ Education or enrichment activities must occur during the snack service.
 - Activities must occur in a structured or organized environment and be distinct from any extracurricular programs organized primarily for scholastic, cultural, or athletic purposes.
 - Examples of eligible activities include homework assistance, drop-in athletic programs, extended day programs, and arts/crafts programs.
- ✓ Snack service must occur *after* the end of the official school day.
- ✓ Attendance rosters and accurate point-of-service meal counts must be maintained to ensure no more than one snack is claimed per child per day:
 - ***Area eligible sites must choose one of the following options:***
 1. Maintain a daily tally of children who are served a reimbursable snack with supporting attendance records.
 2. Maintain a daily, by name, roster of snacks served to students.
 - ***Non-area eligible sites must keep a roster by student name of snacks served to students each day so that appropriate free, reduced-price, and paid counts can be compiled for the claim.***



- ✓ Two on-site reviews must be conducted during the school year with the first review being completed within the first 4 weeks of the program.
- ✓ All food safety and civil rights requirements for the NSLP/SBP continue to apply.
- ✓ Potable water must be available to students during snack service.

Meal Pattern and Menu Planning

- ✓ Production records must be maintained and include all food items served, portion size, planned servings, and actual amount served.
- ✓ Offer at least two different components in the minimum quantities from the Meal Pattern chart below:
 - Students must take both meal components offered to claim the snack.
 - Offer versus Serve (OVS) is **not allowed** for the NSLP snack service

| Afterschool Snack Meal Pattern (K–12) | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Food Components | Minimum Quantities |
| Fluid Milk* | 1 cup (8 fluid ounces) |
| Grains** | 1 ounce equivalent |
| Meat/Meat Alternates*** | 1 ounce equivalent |
| Fruit* | ¾ cup |
| Vegetables* | ¾ cup |

*Milk can be fat-free or 1%, flavored or unflavored with no more than 10g of added sugars per 8 fl. oz.

Fruit/Vegetable Juice must be pasteurized, full-strength juice. No more than half of the weekly fruit or vegetable offerings may be in the form of juice.

**At least 80 percent of grains offered weekly (by ounce equivalents) must be whole grain rich. Remaining grains offered must be enriched. Grain based desserts may not be used to meet the grains requirement. Breakfast cereal must have no more than 6 grams of added sugars per dry ounce.

***Alternate protein products must meet the requirements in appendix A. Yogurt must contain no more than 12 grams of added sugar per 6 ounces (2 grams of added sugar per ounce).

Reference:

- [7 CFR 210.9 \(c\)\(7\)](#)
- [OSPI Afterschool Snack Program](#)
- [USDA Afterschool Snack Fact Sheet](#)
- [USDA Afterschool Snack Webpage](#)

Resources:

- [Daily Snack Count Form for Area Eligible Site](#)
- [Afterschool Snack Production Record](#)
- [Afterschool Snack Onsite Review Form](#)

Acronym Reference

- CFR – Code of Federal Regulations
- LEA – Local Education Agency
- NSLP – National School Lunch Program
- OSPI – Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
- USDA – United States Department of Agriculture

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