

Infant and PreK Program Comparison Chart

Question	National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program (NSLP/SBP)	Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	NSLP Afterschool Snack Program (ASP)
<p>What are the requirements for participation?</p>	<p>The childcare center must be administered by the school or district. Privately-run childcare centers cannot participate.</p> <p>The center must be non-profit.</p> <p>The center must be in a school building, with older grades.</p> <p>Breakfast must be served during the “morning hours” and lunch between the hours of 10 am – 2 pm.</p> <p>The center must have an active and current license with DCF. School-run childcare centers may be exempt from licensing.</p>	<p>The childcare center may be administered by the school/district or privately owned and operated.</p> <p>The center must be non-profit OR if for profit, at least 25% of children enrolled or 25% licensed capacity (whichever is less) must receive W-2 Child Care Assistance (Title XX) or be eligible for free or reduced-price meals.</p> <p>The center may be in a school building, with or without older grades or in a standalone building in the community.</p> <p>Per DCF licensing requirements, nourishments must be provided every 3 hours.</p> <p>The center must have an active and current license with DCF. School-run childcare centers may be exempt from licensing.</p>	<p>The childcare center must be run by the school or district. Privately-run childcare centers cannot participate.</p> <p>The center must be non-profit.</p> <p>The center must be in a school building, with older grades.</p> <p>Snacks must be served to children after the end of school day and must include an educational component or activity.</p>
<p>When can you claim meals?</p>	<p>Meals may only be claimed on academic school days. This does not include teacher in-service days, winter/spring breaks, and during the summer, unless summer school</p>	<p>Meals may be claimed year-round, including non-school days and during the summer.</p> <p>Students must be enrolled in the center at the time the meal(s) are served.</p>	<p>Snacks may only be claimed on academic school days. This does not include teacher in-service days, winter/spring breaks, and during the summer, unless summer school is</p>

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	<p>is in-session.</p> <p>Students must be enrolled in the school at the time the meal(s) are served.</p>		<p>in-session.</p> <p>Students must be enrolled in the school at the time the snacks are served.</p>
What are the meal pattern requirements?	<p>Meals must meet the Infant and Preschool meal pattern, if students are not co-mingled. Co-mingled refers to students eating at the same time AND same place as older students.</p>	<p>Meals must meet CACFP meal pattern requirements, regardless of co-mingling.</p>	<p>Snacks must meet the Infant and Preschool meal pattern, if students are not co-mingled. Co-mingled refers to students eating at the same time AND same place as older students.</p>
Who must be offered meals?	<p>All enrolled children must be offered meals, including infants.</p> <p>Children may be served through age 18 or through their senior year of high school.</p>	<p>All enrolled children must be offered meals, including infants.</p> <p>Children may be served through age 12 unless the child has a documented disability.</p>	<p>All enrolled children must be offered snacks, including infants.</p> <p>Children may be served through age 18 or through their senior year of high school.</p>
What are the reimbursement rates?	<p>Meals are reimbursed at the current NSLP/SBP reimbursement rates by student eligibility.</p>	<p>Meals are reimbursed at a “blended rate” which is dependent upon the number of enrolled children in each eligibility category at the end of each month.</p>	<p>Snacks are reimbursed at the current ASP reimbursement rates by student eligibility or if area eligible, all snacks are claimed in the free category.</p>
How is eligibility determined?	<p>Student eligibility is determined by free and reduced-price meal applications and Direct Certification (DC).</p>	<p>Student eligibility is determined by free and reduced-price Household-Size Income Statements. The school cannot run Direct Certification (DC) for children enrolled in the childcare center. The only situation in which DC can qualify a child is through</p>	<p>Student eligibility is determined by free and reduced-price meal applications and Direct Certification (DC).</p>

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		extension of benefits from school-age siblings.	
How do you join the program?	The online School Nutrition contract must be updated to reflect the younger ages served.	The school must start by going to the Join the CACFP webpage .The CACFP Application process includes, but is not limited to, completing training and a separate online contract.	The online School Nutrition contract must be updated to reflect the younger ages served.