

## Comparison of CACFP Components: At-Risk Afterschool Program (AR) and Outside of School Hours Care Center (OSHCC)

The purpose of this comparison chart is to aid current or potential CACFP agencies when choosing between out-of-school time feeding options. For a high-level overview of each component in the CACFP, view the [CACFP Overview](#) resource. For a complete list of requirements, by component, view the [Required Documents List](#).

Topic	At-Risk Afterschool Meals Programs (AR)	Outside of School Hours Care (OS)
<b>Program Intent</b>	To provide meals and snacks as part of an approved, afterschool enrichment program.	To provide meals and snacks for the purpose of providing child care services during hours outside of school.
<b>Licensing</b>	Licensing is not required unless there is a State or local requirement for licensing. If there is no State or local requirement for licensing, site(s) must meet State or local health and safety standards.	Licensing is not required unless there is a State or local requirement for licensing. If there is no State or local requirement for licensing, site(s) must meet State or local health and safety standards.
<b>Time of Operation</b>	During the school year only, including holidays, and school vacations. Programs may also serve on weekends, as approved in the CACFP contract.	May be a year-round program, or school-year only program. No weekend only programs.  *Sites approved for CACFP and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) cannot switch back and forth between CACFP and SFSP participation during the summer months.

Topic	At-Risk Afterschool Meals Programs (AR)	Outside of School Hours Care (OS)
<b>Types of Meals Eligible for Reimbursement</b>	Supper and/or PM snack served after the end of a regular school day. Any one meal (breakfast, lunch, or supper) and/or one snack served on weekends, holidays, and school vacations (e.g., spring break).	Programs may be reimbursed for up to two meals and one snack, or two snacks and one meal per child, per day.
<b>Reimbursement Rates</b>	All eligible meals are reimbursed at the CACFP free rate.	All eligible meals are reimbursed at the CACFP Free (F), Reduced (R), and Non-needy (N) rates, updated annually.
<b>Meal Pattern</b>	CACFP Meal Pattern. School Food Authorities may select the NSLP Meal Pattern.  Offer Versus Serve (OVS) approach to menu planning and meal service is allowable. SFAs following the NSLP meal pattern choosing to use OVS, must follow the NSLP OVS requirements. OVS is not allowed at snack.	CACFP Meal Pattern  Offer Versus Serve is not allowable.
<b>Participant Eligibility</b>	School-age youth 18 and under attending an approved afterschool program.	Children 12 and under.
<b>Site Eligibility</b>	Sites must be located in the attendance area of a public school where at least 50% of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.	No area eligibility requirement.
<b>Enrollment</b>	Programs must be drop-in or enrolled. Daily attendance records are required.	Programs must enroll children annually. Required records include the Household Size-Income Statement (HSIS) and Household Size-Income Record (HSIR) to determine participant eligibility.