



Arizona Department of Education

Health and Nutrition Services Division

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MEMORANDUM

To: Local Educational Agencies Operating the National School Lunch Program

From: Melissa Conner, Associate Superintendent
Arizona Department of Education, Health and Nutrition Services Division

Original Signed

Date: March 11, 2020

Subject: Participation Fees in Afterschool Care Snack Program and At-Risk Afterschool Meals

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide clarification regarding afterschool programs' eligibility to participate in the Afterschool Care Snack Program (ASCSP) when a program participation fee is charged by the School Food Authority (SFA). ASCSP is an afterschool care program which provides students with regularly scheduled educational or enrichment activities in an organized, structured and supervised environment.

SFAs are permitted to charge a fee for providing afterschool care if the pricing of the snack service continues to meet FNS' pricing requirements. If the site is area eligible, the site would serve snacks at no cost to all students and could not charge students for the snacks indirectly through the participation fee. The participation fee could only be used to cover other program costs, such as costs for supplies or supervision. Additionally, SFAs that choose to participate in At-Risk Afterschool Meals may charge tuition or a fee for the care provided but there can be no separate charge for the food service as cited in memorandum CACFP 08-2012.

Participation in both the Afterschool Care Snack Program and At-Risk Afterschool Meals requires that these programs are "open to all." Allowing programs to charge a fee continues to meet the "open to all" criteria as long as the fee does not have a significant impact on participation or affect the ability of children to participate.

Please contact your School Nutrition Programs Specialist at the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) with questions concerning this guidance. Your assigned specialist can be found at the top of the Sponsor application in CNPWeb. You may also send an email to ADESchoolNutrition@azed.gov or call 602-542-8700, option 2.

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