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Highly Effective Schools
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Centers (21st CCLC) Title IV-B Program



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RE: 21st CCLC Snacks and Meals

To: Fiscal Agent/LEA Superintendent, Principal, 21st CCLC Director and Program Coordinator(s):

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COVID-19: Guidance to Child Nutrition Operators

There are several programs that operate and offer balanced, low-cost, and free meals to children each school day.

- **The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP).**
The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) & School Breakfast Program (SBP), in addition to reimbursing lunch and breakfast services, offer reimbursement to Local Education Agencies (LEAs) for serving snacks to children in Afterschool Care or extended school day activities aimed at promoting the health and wellbeing of children and youth.
- **CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals Program**
At-Risk Afterschool Meals (At-Risk) is a component to the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) that offers Federal reimbursement to help Afterschool Programs serve meals and snacks to children in low-income areas.
- **The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)**
The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) typically is used during the summer months. However, USDA has granted a waiver to extend this program through December. It will allow anyone 18 years of age or younger to eat at participating sites. The USDA waiver enables LEAs to select one option from the list:
 - Breakfast and lunch
 - Breakfast and snack
 - Lunch and snack
 - Breakfast and supper
 - Supper and snack

The 21st CCLC Program encourages LEAs to evaluate and determine which USDA program might be best for their community in order to meet the food security needs of families during these difficult times.

NOTE: If a LEA opts to provide the **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) using the USDA waiver** and chooses to offer the maximum meals served to the most students and their families until December 2020, **then flexibility is allowed for sites to waive snacks for the 21st CCLC Program.**

Operating under the SFSP waiver, if choosing the two-meal option reimbursement for snacks is not allowed by any federal program. As a reminder, snacks are not an allowable expenditure with 21st CCLC funds.

ADE has applied for Food Service Programs to operate the SFSP waiver concurrently with the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals program. Until additional guidance from the USDA is provided which enables sites to participate in both SFSP and At-Risk Afterschool Meals this year the 21st CCLC Program will not require snack to be served with SFSP.

Health and Nutrition Services are committed to providing timely and accurate information through their COVID-19 Communications: <https://www.azed.gov/hns/covid19>