Attendance and Meal Participation for At-Risk
Who can participate?

- Children 18 and under
- Physically and mentally challenged children of any age, if majority of children are 18 and below.
Difference Between Enrollment and Participation to complete Site Data Sheet
Who is Enrolled?

• A child who is in attendance (enrolled) at least one day during the month.
• A participant is any child who is served a meal during the month.
• If the number of children attending and participating are the same, then that will be the numbers you will report.
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Only **TWO** meals per child per day may be claimed for reimbursement

- One meal and a snack
- Two snacks
Are afterschool programs permitted to serve two snacks instead of one meal and one snack?

- The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act clearly states that institutions participating in the at-risk afterschool meals component of CACFP may be reimbursed for only one meal and one snack. However, because serving an additional snack in lieu of a meal would not exceed the maximum meal benefit allowed by law and therefore would not increase cost to the program, State agencies are authorized to waive this requirement on a case-by-case basis and allow institutions to serve two snacks instead of one meal and one snack. This will allow State agencies to provide additional flexibility to institutions that may not have the capacity to serve a full meal. We strongly encourage institutions to provide a full meal whenever possible in order to meet the nutritional needs of the children served.
Attendance Records

• These records should be:
  • Organized by classroom
  • Marked by hand
  • Corrected sparingly
  • Use children’s FULL names
  • PRINT names legibly
“At-Risk” Snack and Supper Participation

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Not all meals are eligible for reimbursement!

- Meal types not approved.
- Meals that do not meet the meal pattern.
- Meals in which more than one required food component is donated.
- Meals served outside of the approved meal service times. (Meal service times are indicated in the online application)
Examples of Meal Count Methods that are not acceptable

• Counting the number of meals prepared or sent by the kitchen. Remember to only count meals you give students.

• Counting the number of meals ordered from a vendor.

• Counting meals after the meal is completed based on the teacher’s memory.

• Counting the number of trays or plates on which food is served.