

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM
MEAL SUPPLEMENT FOR AFTERSCHOOL CARE PROGRAM**

SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITY LIST OF ASSURANCES

Schools listed in the Afterschool Care Program Participation section of the annual School Approval Information (SAI) of the Georgia Department of Education's (GaDOE) School Approval Module (SAM) are providing meal supplements for the Afterschool Care Program. Federal funds are earned for the meal supplements (snacks) served in these schools.

Instructions: Indicate your agreement with School Year (SY) 2021-2022 assurances by signing in the space provided. School data entered in the Program Participation section of the SAI of the annual SAM must be completed by the School Food Authority (SFA) for any school to participate in the Meal Supplement for Afterschool Care Program during SY 2021-2022. The superintendent must also complete the SFA Sign-off in SAM as official documentation of assurances. Maintain a copy with the SNP permanent agreement file. Data will be verified by the GaDOE.

GENERAL ASSURANCES

The SFA agrees:

1. The afterschool care program must include education or enrichment activities in an organized, structured, and supervised environment for enrolled school-age children after school hours.
2. To serve meal supplements that meet the minimum requirements prescribed in 7 CFR 210.10. The currently required federal snack meal pattern must be followed. The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Meal Pattern for Afterschool Snack Service is found in the introduction for the *USDA Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs*.
3. To price the meal supplement as a unit.
4. To serve meal supplements free or at a reduced price to all children who are determined by the SFA to be eligible for free or reduced price school meals under 7 CFR Part 245.
5. If charging for meals, the charges for a reduced price meal supplement shall not exceed 15 cents.
6. To claim reimbursement at the assigned rates only for meal supplements served in accordance with the agreement. Participating schools will account for and claim reimbursement in one of two ways:

Method One: Schools participating in the NSLP where at least 50 percent of enrolled students were approved for free or reduced price meals, as of the most recent October 31 count of eligibles, may serve and claim meal supplements free for all students enrolled in eligible afterschool programs. An afterschool care program also qualifies as area eligible if located in the attendance area of a school that had at least 50 percent of its enrollment eligible for free or reduced price meals as of the most recent October 31 count of eligibles.

Method Two: Schools may serve and claim meal supplements based on an actual daily count of meal supplements served to eligible students by category (free, reduced price and paid) based on the same eligibility used for lunch and breakfast.

7. To claim reimbursement for no more than one meal supplement per child per day.
8. To review each afterschool care program two times a year; the first review shall be made during the first four weeks that the program is in operation each school year, except that an afterschool care program operating year round shall be reviewed during the first four weeks of its initial year of operation, once more during its first year of operation, and twice each school year thereafter.
9. Count the number of free, reduced price and paid reimbursable meals served to eligible children. Claims for reimbursement need not be based on point-of-service meal supplement counts as required by 7 CFR 210.9(b)(9). The counting procedure must be reported by the SFA and approved by the State Agency.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The State Agency must determine the eligibility of afterschool care programs based upon information provided by the school district and guidance of USDA. Criteria for program eligibility are as follows:

1. The SFA participates in the NSLP.
2. The afterschool care program has a way to determine that children are present on a given day, such as a roster or sign-in sheet.
3. Meal supplements served to students who are in organized athletic programs or engaged in interscholastic sports during after school hours are NOT eligible for the meal supplement reimbursement unless students are also involved in education or enrichment activities along with athletic programs. If an organized athletic program is offered, student participation must be open to all, and the program must not limit membership for reasons other than space or security considerations, or where applicable, licensing requirements.
4. Afterschool care programs must be sponsored by the SFA, which retains final administrative and management responsibility for the program including the site.

- 5. Afterschool care programs sponsored by the SFA may be operated by another entity under an arrangement with the district.
- 6. If there is a local or state requirement, the afterschool facility is licensed to provide day care.
- 7. If there is no local requirement for licensing, the afterschool facility meets state or local health and safety standards.
- 8. Programs operated on weekends or SFA holidays and vacation periods are not eligible.

On behalf of _____ (SFA), I agree to comply with the above assurances.

Signature _____ Date _____
(Superintendent)

The Superintendent’s electronic signature applied on the ASCP Assurances Sign-off page of the GaDOE SAM, School Nutrition Online program is the SFA certifying agreement with all the above assurances and is required prior to annual approval.