

# Preprimary Children in Schools

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Child Nutrition Programs  
FY2023-2024



**OKLAHOMA**  
Education



# Preprimary Children

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- Preprimary children are those birth to school age
- The only time a 3-year-old can be claimed on NSLP/SBP is if they are receiving Special Ed. services because they are on an IEP or have a 504 plan
  - The only information we would need to show why 3-year-olds being claimed is enrollment documentation

# Claiming Preprimary Children

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- A preprimary child not enrolled in the district **CANNOT** be claimed under the National School Lunch/School breakfast program
- Preprimary children can participate in the CACFP program
  - **Preprimary CANNOT be claimed under the At-Risk program** it is only for school age children
- OR**
- General Fund can pay for these meals

# Headstart Programs in School

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- If a Head Start/Even Start program is in your district, the **school cannot claim meals if the children enrolled in that Head Start/Even Start program are not enrolled in the district**
  - This would be 3-year-olds (*not on an IEP or 504 plan*) and younger

# School NOT Participating in CACFP

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- The school must pay or charge the parent the Adult amount listed on the Schedule B for breakfast and lunch
- These meals will be coded as local (000) expenses

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**At-Risk program and  
Regular CACFP program  
are two completely different  
programs with different  
requirements**

# At-Risk vs Regular CACFP

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## AT-Risk

- Must be in an area 50% or more F/R
- All school age children eat for free
- Can only claim 2 meals per day
- Meals can only be claimed during the school year

## CACFP

- There are no eligibility requirements for Public Schools to participate
- Meals are claimed by Free, Reduced, and Paid
- A child can be claimed for 2 main meals and a snack per day
- Meals can be claimed all year long

# At-Risk vs Regular CACFP

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## AT-Risk

- Only school age children can participate in At-Risk
- Educational and/or Enrichment activity is required
- It can only be served after the school day has ended

## Regular CACFP

- This program is for infants through age 12
- There is no educational requirement
- Meals can be served throughout the day. However, Must be a minimum of 2 hours between main meal and snack



# CACFP Programs

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- A separate online applications must be completed annually
  - It is different than the school lunch application and the At-Risk application
- The CACFP meal pattern is different than the school meal pattern
- CACFP is for ages infant through 12 years of age enrolled in the center
- There are annual training requirements to participate
- ALL CACFP Reviews are **unannounced** and conducted every 2-3 years

# CACFP Reimbursement

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- The rates for CACFP are different than the school rates. There is no additional incentive for CACFP, and CACFP does not get commodities, however, they receive cash-in-lieu
- *(Below are rates from FY2023)*

## **CACFP Rates**

### **Free**

- Breakfast - \$2.21
- Lunch - \$4.03
- Snack - \$1.18
  
- Cash-in-lieu - \$.3000

## **School Rates**

### **Free**

- Breakfast - \$2.26
- Severe Need  
Breakfast - \$2.67
- Lunch - \$4.33
- Snack - \$1.08

# School Contracting with CACFP

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- The district can contract meals with the daycare center or a Head Start/Even Start program. However, it is required the district charge the center the free rate plus the commodity rate for all meals
  - The district will bill themselves if CACFP is being ran by the school **OR** bill the Head Start/Even Start program
    - Head Start/Even Start programs are required to participate in CACFP so they can claim the meals you billed them for
- The school must use OSDE Agreement to Furnish Food when contracting these meals

# Mixed Classes

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- If the district has a mixture of children enrolled in the district and some not enrolled in the district, the school does not have to divide up the children or claim
- **Example:** The district has a head start program with 70 children. 10 of those kids are enrolled in the district and 60 are not enrolled. The school can bill the head start for **all** 70 kids in the head start program
- The school is not required to claim the kids enrolled in the school or divide the kids up based on enrollment status. You can claim all children with Head Start/Even Start or CACFP

# CACFP Approval

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- Training is required before you can fill out the application
- Once the CACFP application is approved, your program specialist will have 30 days to come to your district to conduct an approval visit
- After approval, you will be able to start claiming meals
- Before you can submit your first claim, your specialist will come out to look at your paperwork and assist with filing

# CACFP Application

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- If you are already approved for At-Risk, the CACFP must be added to your application
  - CACFP training is still required before you can participate
- If you are currently on the At-Risk program with only one site listed in the application, you will have to reapply in order to add the CACFP program

# CACFP Approval Process

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- To participate when school starts, ***we highly recommend starting the application process now***
- In 2023, our CACFP application numbers have been much higher than previous years. The process can take longer than in past years
- Contact Kassi Reddell at [Kassandra.Reddell@sde.ok.gov](mailto:Kassandra.Reddell@sde.ok.gov) to begin the application process

# CACFP Participant Meals

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- All of our current CACFP entities do not charge meals to their participants as the amount is apart of their daycare tuition
- If you want to charge the family for these meals while participating on CACFP, you will need to let us know, and it will need to be indicated in the online application



# YouTube Link

(a couple of slides were added based on questions)

<https://youtu.be/QJBTEArBg7M>