

Afterschool Snack Meal Pattern Decision Flowchart

Do you serve students 5 years old or younger that are **NOT** yet in kindergarten?

If answer is No

Follow the [NSLP Snack Meal Pattern](#).

If answer is Yes

Are these students served in the **same service area** and at the **same time** as students in grade K5 and older? If yes, this is considered "commingling" and you may employ the following options for meal service:

Option A: Follow the [NSLP Snack Meal Pattern](#) for all students served.

Option B: Follow the [CACFP Snack Meal Pattern](#) for students age 5 years old or younger that are not yet in kindergarten and follow the [NSLP Snack Meal Pattern](#) for students 5K and older.

If students are **not** considered comingled, then you must follow the [CACFP Snack Meal Pattern](#) for 4K and younger students only.

Commingling examples:

Example A: 4K students are served and eat their afterschool snacks in a different location than the older students.

Example B: 4K students are served in the same location as the older students but at different times.