



CACFP Child Meal Pattern

Must serve the required components and serving sizes

Breakfast				
Must serve milk, vegetable or fruit, and either a grain or meat/meat alternate				
Food Components and Food Items	Ages 1-2	Ages 3-5	Ages 6-12	Ages 13-18
Fluid Milk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 year olds: Unflavored whole milk 2-5 year olds: Unflavored 1% or skim 6-18 year olds: Unflavored or flavored 1% or skim 	½ cup (4 oz)	¾ cup (6 oz)	1 cup (8 oz)	1 cup (8 oz)
Vegetables or Fruits (or portions of both) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full-strength juice may only be served to meet the fruit or vegetable requirement at one meal or snack per day 	¼ cup	½ cup	½ cup	½ cup
Grains <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be whole grain-rich, enriched, or fortified At least one serving per day must be whole grain-rich Grain-based desserts are not creditable (Refer to CACFP Grains Chart) Cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce 				
Bread	½ oz eq	½ oz eq	1 oz eq	1 oz eq
Bread products such as biscuits, rolls, or muffins <i>Refer to the CACFP Grains Chart for options and serving sizes</i>	½ oz eq	½ oz eq	1 oz eq	1 oz eq
Cooked breakfast cereal, cereal grain, rice and/or pasta	¼ cup	¼ cup	½ cup	½ cup
Ready-to-eat breakfast cereal (dry, cold)				
Flakes or rounds	½ cup	½ cup	1 cup	1 cup
Puffed cereal	¾ cup	¾ cup	1 ¼ cup	1 ¼ cup
Granola	⅛ cup	⅛ cup	¼ cup	¼ cup
Meat/Meat Alternates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not required at breakfast, but may be served in place of entire grain component a maximum of 3 times per week 				
	½ oz eq =	½ oz eq =	1 oz eq =	1 oz eq =
Lean meat, poultry, or fish	½ oz	½ oz	1 oz	1 oz
Cheese (natural and processed; soft and hard)	½ oz	½ oz	1 oz	1 oz
Shredded cheese	(⅛ cup)	(⅛ cup)	(¼ cup)	(¼ cup)
Cottage cheese, ricotta cheese, cheese spread, cheese food <i>2 ounces = 1 ounce meat/meat alternate</i>	⅛ cup (1 oz)	⅛ cup (1 oz)	¼ cup (2 oz)	¼ cup (2 oz)
Egg, whole, large	¼ egg	¼ egg	½ egg	½ egg
Cooked dry beans or peas	⅛ cup	⅛ cup	¼ cup	¼ cup
Yogurt (regular and soy) <i>- Must contain no more than 23 grams of total sugars per 6 ounces</i>	¼ cup (2 oz)	¼ cup (2 oz)	½ cup (4 oz)	½ cup (4 oz)
Peanut butter, soy nut butter or other nut or seed butters	1 Tbsp	1 Tbsp	2 Tbsp	2 Tbsp
Peanuts, soy nuts, tree nuts or seeds	½ oz	½ oz	1 oz	1 oz
Surimi	1.5 oz	1.5 oz	3 oz	3 oz
Tempeh	½ oz	½ oz	1 oz	1 oz
Tofu (commercially prepared) <i>2.2 oz. (1/4 cup) must contain at least 5 grams of protein</i>	⅛ cup (1.1 oz)	⅛ cup (1.1 oz)	¼ cup (2.2 oz)	¼ cup (2.2 oz)
Soy products (e.g. soy sausage, veggie burgers) or alternate protein products. <i>Must meet the requirements in Appendix A to Part 226</i>	½ oz	½ oz	1 oz	1 oz



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Lunch and Supper				
All five components required for a reimbursable meal				
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Fluid Milk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 year olds: Unflavored whole milk 2-5 year olds: Unflavored 1% or skim 6-18 year olds: Unflavored or flavored 1% or skim 	½ cup (4 oz)	¾ cup (6 oz)	1 cup (8 oz)	1 cup (8 oz)
Meat/Meat Alternates Amounts below must be served to meet the m/ma serving size requirements				
	1 oz eq =	1 ½ oz eq =	2 oz eq =	2 oz eq =
Lean meat, poultry, or fish	1 oz	1½ oz	2 oz	2 oz
Cheese (natural and processed; soft and hard)	1 oz	1½ oz	2 oz	2 oz
Shredded cheese	(¼ cup)	(3/8 cup)	(½ cup)	(½ cup)
Cottage cheese, ricotta cheese, cheese spread, cheese food <i>2 ounces = 1 ounce meat/meat alternate</i>	¼ cup (2 oz)	3/8 cup (3 oz)	½ cup (4 oz)	½ cup (4 oz)
Egg, whole, large	½ egg	¾ egg	1 egg	1 egg
Cooked dry beans or peas	¼ cup	3/8 cup	½ cup	½ cup
Peanut butter, soy nut butter or other nut or seed butters	2 Tbsp	3 Tbsp	4 Tbsp	4 Tbsp
Peanuts, soy nuts, tree nuts or seeds - May be used to meet no more than ½ the M/MA serving size - Combine with another M/MA to meet the full minimum serving size	½ oz = 50%	¾ oz = 50%	1 oz = 50%	1 oz = 50%
Yogurt (regular and soy) - Must contain no more than 23 grams of total sugars per 6 ounces	½ cup (4 oz)	¾ cup (6 oz)	1 cup (8 oz)	1 cup (8 oz)
Surimi	3 oz	4.4 oz	6 oz	6 oz
Tempeh	1 oz	1½ oz	2 oz	2 oz
Tofu (commercially prepared) <i>2.2 oz. (1/4 cup) must contain at least 5 grams of protein</i>	¼ cup (2.2 oz)	3/8 cup (3.3 oz)	½ cup (4.4 oz)	½ cup (4.4 oz)
Soy products (e.g. soy sausage, veggie burgers etc.) or alternate protein products. <i>Must meet the requirements in Appendix A to Part 226</i>	1 oz	1½ oz	2 oz	2 oz
Vegetables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full-strength juice may only be served to meet the fruit or vegetable requirement at one meal or snack per day 	⅛ cup	¼ cup	½ cup	½ cup
Fruits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full-strength juice may only be served to meet the fruit or vegetable requirement at one meal or snack per day A second vegetable may be served in place of fruit. When served, must serve the minimum fruit serving size. 	⅛ cup	¼ cup	¼ cup	¼ cup
Grains <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be whole grain-rich, enriched, or fortified At least one serving per day must be whole grain-rich Grain-based desserts are not creditable (<i>Refer to CACFP Grains Chart</i>) Cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce 				
Bread	½ oz eq	½ oz eq	1 oz eq	1 oz eq
Bread products, such as biscuits, rolls, or muffins <i>Refer to the CACFP Grains Chart for options and serving sizes</i>	½ oz eq	½ oz eq	1 oz eq	1 oz eq
Rice, pasta, grains, and/or cooked cereals	¼ cup	¼ cup	½ cup	½ cup



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Snack				
Must serve 2 of the 5 components. Only 1 of the 2 components may be a beverage.				
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Cheese (natural and processed; soft and hard)	½ oz	½ oz	1 oz	1 oz
Shredded cheese	(⅓ cup)	(⅓ cup)	(¼ cup)	(¼ cup)
Cottage cheese, ricotta cheese, cheese spread, cheese food <i>2 ounces = 1 ounce meat/meat alternate</i>	⅓ cup (1 oz)	⅓ cup (1 oz)	¼ cup (2 oz)	¼ cup (2 oz)
Egg, whole, large	½ egg	½ egg	½ egg	½ egg
Cooked dry beans or peas	⅓ cup	⅓ cup	¼ cup	¼ cup
Peanut butter, soy nut butter or other nut or seed butters	1 Tbsp	1 Tbsp	2 Tbsp	2 Tbsp
Peanuts, soy nuts, tree nuts or seeds	½ oz	½ oz	1 oz	1 oz
Yogurt (regular and soy) <i>- Must contain no more than 23 grams of total sugars per 6 ounces</i>	¼ cup (2 oz)	¼ cup (2 oz)	½ cup (4 oz)	½ cup (4 oz)
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Soy products (e.g. soy sausage, veggie burgers) or alternate protein products. <i>Must meet the requirements in Appendix A to Part 226</i>	½ oz	½ oz	1 oz	1 oz
Vegetables*	½ cup	½ cup	¾ cup	¾ cup
Fruits*	½ cup	½ cup	¾ cup	¾ cup
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