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CACFP MEAL PATTERN REQUIREMENTS

Meals and snacks must meet CACFP meal pattern requirements with creditable foods in at least the minimum serving sizes per the CACFP meal pattern charts.

CACFP Meal Pattern Charts: Required food components and minimum serving sizes for meals/snacks
CACFP E-Learning Course: CACFP Meal Pattern lesson reviews meal pattern requirements

Terms to Know:

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<td>Creditable Foods</td>
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<td>Non-creditable Foods</td>
<td>Foods that do not count toward meal pattern requirements</td>
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<td>Food Component</td>
<td>A group of foods in a reimbursable meal. Food components include: Milk, Vegetable, Fruit, Meat/Meat Alternate, Grain</td>
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<td>Food Item</td>
<td>A specific food offered within the Food Component (e.g.: Broccoli is a food item in the vegetable food component)</td>
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<td>Minimum Serving Size</td>
<td>Required amount of the Food Component that must be served</td>
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FOOD COMPONENTS

The following charts detail specific requirements for each food component.

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<td>- Required at breakfast and lunch</td>
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<td>- Optional at supper and snack</td>
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<tr>
<td>- Yogurt (regular and soy) may be served to meet the fluid milk requirement for one meal per day when not served as a meat alternate for that same meal</td>
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  - Serving size must be 6 oz. (weight) or ¾ cup |
  - Must contain no more than 23 grams of total sugars per 6 ounces |
| Must be pasteurized and meet Grade A standards |

**Creditable Milks:**
- Unflavored 1% (low-fat) or skim (fat-free)
- Flavored 1% or skim
- Lactose-free, lactose-reduced, kefir
- Goat’s milk may be creditable if it meets State and local standards

May be served as a beverage, on cereal, or both

Not creditable when used in cooking (i.e. cooked cereals, soups, pudding, etc.)

If served at snack, juice cannot be served as the other component

**Non-dairy beverages** nutritionally equivalent to cow’s milk are creditable. When served for a non-disability special dietary need, a written statement from a participant’s family must be on file.
- Currently only some soymilk products are creditable. The [Creditable Non-Dairy Beverages](#) provides a list of creditable soymilks.

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<th>Milk and Foods not creditable to the Milk Component (Not an all-inclusive list)</th>
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<td>- 2% (reduced-fat) milk</td>
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<td>- Almond Milk</td>
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<tr>
<td>- Cheese (creditable as meat alternate, not as milk)</td>
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<td>- Coconut Milk</td>
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<td>- Cream Cheese</td>
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<td>- Cream Soup/Sauces</td>
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<td>- Evaporated Milk</td>
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<td>- Frozen Yogurt</td>
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<td>- Ice cream, Ice Milk</td>
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<td>- Powdered Milk</td>
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<td>- Sour Cream</td>
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<td>- Whole milk</td>
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<td>- Yogurt (creditable as meat alternate, not as milk)</td>
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**GRAINS**

**Required at breakfast, lunch, and supper**
- The grain component for meals must contain a minimum of two grain servings *(ex. 2 slices of bread, 1 cup rice)*
- If served at snack, the grain component must contain a minimum of one grain serving *(ex. 1 slice bread, ½ cup rice)*

The first ingredient, or second after water, must be whole grain or enriched grain

Veggie straws, chips, or sticks, and tortilla chips are only creditable as a grain when the first ingredient, or second after water, is a whole or enriched grain

For a list of common creditable grain items and how much to serve: [CACFP Grains Chart-ADC](#)

**Whole Grain Rich (WGR):** At least one grain component served (2 grain servings) per day must be WGR

When served for breakfast, lunch, and supper, both grain servings must be WGR.

- WGR foods contain 100% whole grains, or at least 50% whole grains and the remaining grains are enriched

If your program:
- Claims more than one meal/snack (breakfast, lunch and snack), you may choose the meal to serve the WGR food
- Only claims a snack, if one of the two components is a grain item, it must be WGR
- Only claims one meal (breakfast, lunch or supper), a grain is required to be served and must be WGR
  - If breakfast is the only meal, then the WGR requirement does not need to be met if a meat/meat alternate is served in place of the grain (allowed up to 3 times/week)

**Identifying Whole Grain Rich (WGR):** There are six options to determine if a grain product meets the WGR criteria. Any one of the options may be used. They are detailed in the [CACFP Reference Guide](#) and in the PowerPoint presentation in the [CACFP E-Learning Course: CACFP Meal Pattern](#) lesson.

**Breakfast cereals** (ready-to-eat, instant & hot cereals) must be whole grain, enriched or fortified

Breakfast cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce
- Cereals on the [Cereals That Meet CACFP Requirements](#) meet sugar limits
- For cereals not in the above document, use the Nutrition Facts Label and the [CACFP Reference Guide](#) to determine if the cereal meets sugar limits

Programs cannot mix creditable cereals that meet sugar limits with non-creditable cereals that are above sugar limits to meet sugar limit requirements.

**Grain-Based Desserts (GBD)** are not creditable and cannot be served to meet the grains component

- Examples include granola bars, cookies, cake, cereal bars and toaster pastries. For a more extensive list, refer to the [Is it a Grain-Based Dessert?](#) handout or the [Foods not creditable to the Grains Component box](#), below.

- Even if the GBD is homemade with healthy ingredients, whole grains or less sugar, it is not creditable

**Foods not creditable to the Grains Component** (Not an all-inclusive list)

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<th>Creditable</th>
<th>Non-Creditable</th>
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<td>Grains not made with whole or enriched grain</td>
<td>Potatoes (creditable as vegetable, not grain)</td>
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<td>Cereals not fortified or enriched</td>
<td>Potato chips</td>
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<td>Cereals above sugar limits</td>
<td>Tapioca</td>
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**Grain-Based Desserts (GBD)**

- Bread/breadstick with sweet filling (such as pie filling)
- Brownies
- Cakes, including coffee cake and cupcakes
- Carmel popcorn and kettle corn
- Cereal bars, breakfast bars, granola bars, and marshmallow cereal treats
- Cookies, including vanilla wafers and fruit-filled rolls/bars/cookies
- Doughnuts
- Gingerbread
- Ice cream cones
- Pie crusts of dessert pies, cobblers, and fruit turnovers
- Sweet biscotti/scones with fruits, chocolate, icing
- Sweet bread pudding and rice pudding
- Sweet croissants (e.g. chocolate-filled)
- Sweet pita chips (e.g. cinnamon-sugar flavored)
- Sweet rolls (e.g. cinnamon rolls)
- Toaster pastries
### MEAT/MEAT ALTERNATE (M/MA)

- **Required at lunch and supper**
  - Must be served in a main dish or in a main dish and one other menu item
  - A main dish may credit as the M/MA plus up to two other food components (3 total)
- A M/MA may be served at breakfast, in place of grains, up to three days/week

#### Creditable M/MA:
Lean meat, poultry, fish, cheese, eggs, cooked dry bean or peas, peanuts, soy nuts, tree nuts or seeds and their butters, yogurt, tofu, tempeh, soy products or alternate protein products

- Cooked dry beans or peas may not be served as a meat alternate and a vegetable in the same meal

#### Yogurt (regular and soy)
must contain no more than 23 grams of sugar per 6 ounces
- Use the Nutrition Facts Label and [CACFP Reference Guide](#) to determine if a yogurt meets sugar limits

#### Creditable Cheese:
natural or processed, cottage, ricotta, cheese spread, cheese food
- Refer to [Creditable and Non-Creditable Cheeses](#) for examples

#### Store-bought combination foods:
(i.e. chicken nuggets, pizza, ravioli, fish sticks, corn dogs, etc.) and some processed meats (i.e. pepperoni, turkey bacon) must have a Child Nutrition (CN) label or Product Formulation Statement (PFS) from manufacturer on file prior to serving

#### Processed meats (i.e. hotdogs, bologna, sausage):
- 100% meat ingredients are creditable (may contain salt and seasonings)
- If item contains fillers (i.e. byproducts, cereals, binders, or extenders) it is not 100% meat and requires a CN label or Product Formulation Statement (PFS) on file prior to serving
  - Common binders and extenders: soy flour, starchy vegetable flour, calcium reduced dried skim milk, modified food and vegetable starch, soy protein concentrate, cereal, isolated soy protein, dried milk, carrageenan, and hydrolyzed milk protein

#### Alternate Protein Products:
Foods made from alternate protein and/or textured vegetable protein ingredients must meet the requirements in [Appendix A](#) to Part 226 and may only credit to the CACFP meal pattern with a Child Nutrition (CN) Label or Product Formulation Statement (PFS)

#### Soup:
- **Commercial Bean or Pea**: ½ cup of soup is 1 oz. meat alternate
  - Credit as a meat alternate or vegetable, but not both in the same meal
- **Commercial Other** (i.e. chicken noodle): Does not credit as a M/MA because there is not a sufficient amount of M/MA per serving
- **Homemade with M/MA**: Only creditable if there is at least ¼ oz. M/MA per serving. Another M/MA may need to be served to meet the minimum serving size requirements. Must be identified and documented by a recipe.

#### Tofu:
Must be commercially prepared firm, extra firm, soft, or silken.
- 2.2 oz. (1/4 cup) of tofu containing at least 5 grams of protein = 1.0 oz. meat alternate

Use the Nutrition Facts Label and the calculation below to determine if tofu is creditable:
- Protein (g) ÷ Serving Size (oz.) or (g) = Threshold for ounces: 2.27 or more
  - Threshold for grams: 0.08 or more
- Tofu products such as links and sausages can only credit when the product has a Child Nutrition (CN) label or Product Formulation Statement (PFS) from manufacturer to document how item meets CACFP requirements

#### Local Foods:
For information on wild and domesticated game animals and birds: [Local Meats, Poultry, and Eggs](#)

### Foods not creditable to the Meat/Meat Alternate Component
(Not an all-inclusive list)

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<th>Bacon</th>
<th>Cheese Products</th>
<th>Nut Butter Spreads</th>
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<td>Cheese</td>
<td>Cream Cheese</td>
<td>Powdered Cheese</td>
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<tr>
<td>Imitation Cheese</td>
<td>Imitation Seafood</td>
<td>(ex. macaroni and cheese, boxed)</td>
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<td>Tofu incorporated into drinks, such as smoothies, or other dishes to add texture, such as in baked desserts</td>
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<td>Velveeta™</td>
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<td>Yogurt above sugar limits</td>
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<td>Yogurt products (frozen yogurt, drinkable yogurt, yogurt bars, yogurt-covered fruit or nuts)</td>
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# FRUIT AND VEGETABLES (TWO SEPARATE COMPONENTS)

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<th>Requirement</th>
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<td>One serving of vegetable, fruit or both is required at breakfast</td>
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<td>One serving of fruit and one serving of vegetable (or two different vegetables) is required at lunch and supper</td>
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<td>One fruit and one vegetable may be served at snack as two components</td>
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<td>Cooked dry beans or peas may not be served as a vegetable and a meat alternate in the same meal</td>
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<td>Fresh, frozen, canned, or dried may be served</td>
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<td>The following vegetable and fruit serving sizes vary from the meal pattern chart:</td>
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<td>1 cup raw leafy greens (e.g. lettuce) = ½ cup vegetable</td>
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<td>½ cup dried fruit (e.g. raisins) = ½ cup fruit</td>
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<td>Juice must be full strength (100%) fruit or vegetable juice and must be pasteurized</td>
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<td>➢ If served at snack, milk cannot be served as the other component</td>
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<td>➢ Can only be served once per day. This applies to all meals and snacks, even when served to different groups of participants. For example:</td>
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<td>o Program serves one group breakfast and lunch, and another group lunch and PM snack. If breakfast includes juice, the program cannot serve juice at lunch or PM snack.</td>
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<td>o Program serves the same food items at multiple snacks (AM and PM snack) to different groups of participants, juice may only be served at one of those snacks.</td>
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<td>Smoothies: Pureed fruits and vegetables served in a smoothie are considered juice. This counts as serving juice once per day. For more information, refer to: Smoothies in CACFP</td>
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<td><strong>Soup</strong></td>
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<td>➢ Commercial Bean or Pea: ½ cup of soup is ¼ cup of heated vegetable</td>
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<td>o Can credit as a meat alternate or vegetable but not both in the same meal</td>
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<td>➢ Canned, Condensed, or Ready-To-Serve (minestrone, tomato, tomato with other basic components such as rice and vegetable, and vegetable with basic components such as meat and poultry): 1 cup of reconstituted or ready-to-serve soup will yield ¼-cup vegetable</td>
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<td>➢ Homemade: Must contain at least 1/8 cup vegetable per serving. Another vegetable may need to be served to meet the minimum serving size requirements. Must be identified and documented by a recipe.</td>
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## Foods not creditable to the Fruit and Vegetable Components (Not an all-inclusive list)

- ‘Ade’ drinks (e.g. Lemonade)
- Cranberry Juice Cocktail
- Frozen Fruit Flavored Bars
- Fruit Butters (e.g. Apple Butter)
- Fruit in Quick Breads (e.g. Banana Bread)
- Fruit in Muffins (e.g. Blueberry Muffins)
- Fruit in Commercial Yogurt (e.g. Strawberry Yogurt)
- Fruit Snacks
- Home Canned Products
- Jam/Jelly
- Gelatin/Jell-O™
- Potato Chips
- Sherbet
- Snack Chips (e.g. Banana or other FV chips)
- Soy Nuts
- Veggie straws, chips or sticks
PRODUCT DOCUMENTATION

Product Information
To credit the following items to the CACFP meal pattern, product labels must be kept on file:

- Breakfast cereals
- Yogurt
- Whole grain-rich foods
- Tofu

The product label, or picture/copy of the product label, that includes the name and brand of item, the Nutrition Facts and Ingredients must be on file.

Child Nutrition (CN) Labels or Product Formulation Statements (PFS)
To demonstrate store-bought combination foods meet CACFP requirements, programs are required to keep CN labels or PFS on file.

- Store-bought combination foods include chicken nuggets, fish sticks, meatballs, pizza, frozen casseroles, and pre-cooked foods containing fillers, etc.

The CN label or PFS provides information on how the food item contributes to the meal pattern. Obtain the CN label or PFS prior to preparing the item. Use the CN label or PFS to determine how much to prepare and serve. Refer to the Store-Bought Combination Foods handout for information on how to use this documentation.

CN Label: If a store-bought combination food item has a CN label, it will be on the product packaging. Not all foods will have a CN Label. The Nutrition Facts Label on the package is not the CN label nor does it provide the required information. Here is an example of a CN label:

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<td>This 1.95 oz. Fully Cooked Beef Patty provides 1.5 oz. equivalent meat/meat alternate for the Child Nutrition Meal Pattern Requirements. (Use of this logo and statement authorized by the Food and Nutrition Service, USDA 06-2014.)</td>
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Product Formulation Statement (PFS): If a store-bought combination food item does not have a CN label, you may contact the manufacturer and request a PFS. Keep in mind that a PFS may not be available. A PFS must include a signature from the manufacturer.

- If a CN label or PFS cannot be obtained, the item cannot be served as part of a reimbursable meal.

MEAL PLANNING AND DOCUMENTATION

Menus
Dated menus must be maintained for all meals and snacks served to participants. All food items served to meet the meal pattern must be documented on menus. When meal substitutions are made, substituted foods must be recorded on the menu kept on file with the monthly claim documentation. Refer to the Menu Checklist to ensure menus comply with CACFP requirements.

Menus must also document the following:

- Milk types (fat content and if flavored)
- Whole Grain-Rich items (e.g. WW Bread, WGR Bagels)
- Cereal names (if served)
- Specific fruits and vegetables
Meeting Serving Size Requirements

Enough food must be prepared so that each participant is served at least the minimum serving size of each component according to the CACFP meal pattern. To help ensure enough food is prepared, use the following tools:

- **Meal Requirements Calculator**: Determine the minimum amounts to serve for each component
- **Food Buying Guide Calculator**: Determine the right amount of food to purchase and prepare so that the minimum amounts for each component are met

Production Records

All programs, except emergency shelters, must complete production records to document the actual amount of food prepared. Production records may be completed prior to the meal service to help with purchasing and preparing the correct amount of food, or may be completed when the meal is prepared or immediately after. Refer to the Production Record Instructions for step-by-step instructions on how to complete these records.

- The CACFP E-Learning Course Production Records lesson also provides specifics on how to complete production records

Combination Foods Made from Scratch

For combination foods made from scratch, a recipe should be used to ensure that each ingredient crediting as a meal component provides enough to meet the CACFP meal pattern.

- A standardized recipe provides exact amounts of ingredients and meal pattern contribution information for a specified portion size. This information enables you to determine the amount that must be served to each participant. For these recipes go to: USDA MyPlate Kitchen.

Cooking Methods

Foods that are deep-fat fried onsite cannot count toward a reimbursable meal in the CACFP. Deep-fat frying means cooking by fully covering (submerging) food in hot oil or other fat. “Onsite” means at your program or your program’s central or satellite kitchen. Packaged par-fried or flash-fried foods purchased from a grocery store (such as par-fried frozen potatoes) or from a restaurant or vendor is creditable if heated or reheated onsite by baking, microwaving, or another method that is not deep-fat frying.

Leftover Food

Meals should be planned so that the amount of food prepared is enough to provide one meal/snack per participant. However, there may be food leftover after meals. You may do the following with leftovers:

- Leftover food that has not been served must be labeled, dated, refrigerated promptly or frozen immediately for later use. When serving leftovers for a meal, document the amount of leftover food served on the production record.
- Donate to eligible food banks or charitable organizations that are tax exempt.
- **Leftover food CANNOT be sent home with staff or participants’ families.**

If programs find they have leftovers frequently:

- Review Production Records, Meal Requirements Calculator and Food Buying Guide Calculator to ensure too much food is not being prepared
- Train staff on how much food must be provided to each participant to meet the minimum CACFP Meal Pattern serving size requirements

**MEAL SERVICE**

Meals and snacks eaten by participants while under the program’s supervision, either on-site or during outings, can be claimed. Meals and snacks eaten by participants when not under the program’s care, including when food is sent home with the participant, cannot be claimed.
Meal Service Times
Meals must be served at regularly scheduled times as indicated in the CACFP contract.

Serving all Meal Components Together
All required meal components must be served together at the same time during a meal or snack. A food or beverage cannot be withheld until the end of the meal. Participants should be encouraged to try different foods but cannot be forced to try all foods or to finish one food prior to receiving additional servings of other foods.

Meal Service Methods
Refer to the Meal Service Styles handout for the definition, requirements and best practices of each meal service style below.

- **Pre-plated**: The minimum serving size of each component, as listed on the CACFP meal pattern, is served to participants on their plate and in their cup.

- **Family Style Dining**: Participants serve themselves from common dishes of food and small pitchers with the assistance of staff, as needed.
  - Foods and beverages should be provided in serving dishes and small pitchers, and placed on each table. The amounts of food in the serving dishes must be enough to provide the minimum required CACFP serving sizes for each participant seated at the table, including the supervising adults if they eat.
  - Participants determine how much food and beverage they want to take, if any.
  - As participants serve themselves, they should be encouraged to take the minimum serving size.
  - Any component served solely by staff must be provided in the minimum serving size.

- **Cafeteria-Style (from a line, table, or cart)**: All required meal components in the minimum serving sizes are taken by each participant when going through a serving line or selected from a cart, counter or table.

For more information, view the following CACFP E-Learning Course: Meal Service Styles lesson

Offer versus Serve (OVS)
Offer versus serve (OVS) allows participants to decline some of the foods offered in a reimbursable breakfast, lunch, or supper. Using OVS is optional, not required. It can reduce waste, improve acceptability of the meal, and encourage participants to choose a meal that is more specific to their preferences. OVS is applicable to both the pre-plated and cafeteria-style meal service methods, but not family style dining.

- Indicate if a site will use OVS in the CACFP online contract on the Site Application page.

**Breakfast**: A participant must take at least 3 different food items from any of the 4 food items offered. Items that must be offered are:

1. A serving of milk;
2. A food item from the fruit and vegetable component;
3. A food item (2 servings) from the grains component (if taking the grain item, both servings of grains must be taken);
4. A food item from the meat/meat alternate component or one additional item from the fruit/vegetable component or grains component (2 servings).
Lunch or supper: A participant must take at least 3 food components, rather than three items, from the 5 food components offered. Components that must be offered are:

1. A serving of milk (Optional at supper. Does not need to be offered when serving an OVS supper);
2. A food item from the meat/meat alternate component;
3. A food item from the vegetable component;
4. A food item from the fruit component; and
5. A food item (2 servings) from the grains component; (if taking the grain item, both servings of grains must be taken).

Snack: OVS does not apply to snack. The meal pattern requires only two food components, so neither can be declined.

All food items offered must be different from each other, and food items selected must be in the required minimum serving sizes. Adult care centers should not implement OVS if staff feel that their clients are not capable of selecting food items or if the site serves meals with pre-assembled meal trays. Also, individuals are not required to refuse food items if OVS is implemented. Reimbursement rates are the same if an adult declines a food item.

Serving Meals to Adults
When staff and ineligible adults are served meals, the number of these adults must be included when planning the amounts of food to prepare. This is to assure enough food is prepared so the minimum serving sizes are provided to all participants. Record the number of ineligible adults and other adult meals (i.e. staff) on the Production Records in the Projected Participants column in the space titled “Ineligible Adults.”

Please note that meals served to ineligible adults, staff, and other adults cannot be claimed (or counted within the meal counts submitted on the claim).

However, the cost of meals served to Program Adults, and ineligible adults who are enrolled for care may be a CACFP expense. The cost of meals served to Non-program Adults may not be a CACFP expense.

- **Program Adults:** an adult employee or volunteer who performs CACFP labor on the day the meal is eaten. This includes meal preparation, serving meals, assisting during meal service, cleaning before and after meals, and performing administrative tasks related to the CACFP operation. The cost of meals served to program adults is an allowable CACFP expense; i.e. the food consumed by the adult can be paid for with CACFP funds.

- **Non-program Adults:** an adult who does not perform CACFP labor on the day the meal is eaten. This includes van drivers, maintenance employees, volunteers or family members not involved with meal preparation or meal service, administrative staff not performing CACFP labor, and people of the community and visitors such as DPI or USDA officials. The cost of meals served to non-program adults is an unallowable CACFP expense; i.e. the food consumed by the adult cannot be paid for with CACFP funds. Financial records must show other program funds used to cover these costs (e.g. tuition or charging a fee).

Drinking Water
Drinking water must be available and offered to participants throughout the day, including at meal times. However, water is not part of a reimbursable meal and may not be served in place of milk. Serve water with snacks when two creditable food components are served with no other beverage. Participants should be asked, throughout the day, if they want water. For more information, visit this website.