

## **CACFP Child Meal Pattern**





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 (At-risk afterschool programs and emergency shelters)
Fluid Milk  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)	<sup>3</sup> ⁄ <sub>4</sub> cup (6 oz)	1 cup (8 oz)	1 cup (8 oz)
Vegetables or Fruits (or portions of both)  Full-strength juice may only be used to meet the fruit or vegetable requirement at one meal or snack per day	½ cup	½ cup	½ cup	½ cup

### Grains

- 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 the CACFP Grains Chart)
- Cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce

Bread	½ slice	½ slice	1 slice	1 slice
Bread products such as biscuits, rolls, or muffins Refer to the <u>CACFP Grains Chart</u> for options and serving sizes	½ serving	½ serving	1 serving	1 serving
Cooked breakfast cereal, cereal grain, rice and/or pasta	1/4 cup	½ cup	½ cup	½ cup
Ready-to-eat breakfast cereal (dry, cold)	½ cup	1/3 cup	3/4 cup	3/4 cup

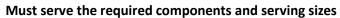
#### **Meat/Meat Alternates**

• Not required at breakfast, but may be served in place of the entire grain component a maximum of three times per week

Lean meat, poultry, or fish	½ oz	½ oz	1 oz	1 oz
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Cheese (natural and process; soft and hard)	(1/8 cup	(1/8 cup	(1/4 cup	(1/4 cup
	shredded)	shredded)	shredded)	shredded)
0-44	1 oz	1 oz	2 oz	2 oz
Cottage cheese, ricotta cheese, cheese spread, cheese food	(1/8 cup)	(1/8 cup)	(1/4 cup)	(1/4 cup)
Large egg	1/4 egg	1/4 egg	½ egg	½ egg
Cooked dry beans or peas	1/8 cup	1/8 cup	1/4 cup	½ cup
Yogurt (regular and soy)	1/4 cup	½ cup	½ cup	½ cup
Must contain no more than 23 grams of total sugars per 6 ounces	(2 oz)	(2 oz)	(4 oz)	(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
Tofu (commercially prepared)	1/8 cup	1/8 cup	1/4 cup	1/4 cup
2.2 oz. (1/4 cup) must contain at least 5 grams of protein	(1.1 oz)	(1.1 oz)	(2.2 oz)	(2.2 oz)
Soy products or alternate protein products  Must meet the requirements in Appendix A to Part 226	½ oz	½ 0Z	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  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)	<sup>3</sup> ⁄ <sub>4</sub> cup (6 oz)	1 cup (8 oz)	1 cup (8 oz)	
Meat/Meat Alternates					
Lean meat, poultry, or fish	1 oz	1½ oz	2 oz	2 oz	
Cheese (natural and processed; soft and hard)	1 oz (¼ cup shredded)	1½ oz (3/8 cup shredded)	2 oz (½ cup shredded)	2 oz (½ cup shredded)	
Cottage cheese, ricotta cheese, cheese spread, cheese food	2 oz (¼ cup)	3 oz (3/8 cup)	4 oz (½ cup)	4 oz (½ cup)	
Large egg	½ egg	3/4 egg	1 egg	1 egg	
Cooked dry beans or peas	½ 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	
<ul> <li>Peanuts, soy nuts, tree nuts or seeds</li> <li>May be used to meet no more than ½ the M/MA serving size</li> <li>Must be combined with another M/MA to meet the full minimum serving size</li> </ul>	½ oz = 50%	<sup>3</sup> ⁄ <sub>4</sub> 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)	<sup>3</sup> ⁄ <sub>4</sub> cup (6 oz)	1 cup (8 oz)	1 cup (8 oz)	
Tofu (commercially prepared) 2.2 oz. (1/4 cup) must contain at least 5 grams of protein	1/4 cup (2.2 oz)	3/8 cup (3.3 oz)	½ cup (4.4 oz)	½ cup (4.4 oz)	
Soy products or alternate protein products  Must meet the requirements in Appendix A to Part 226	1 oz	1½ oz	2 oz	2 oz	
Vegetables  May replace fruit, but must offer two different vegetables Full-strength juice may only be used to meet the fruit or vegetable requirement at one meal or snack per day	1/8 cup	1/4 cup	½ cup	½ cup	
Fruits  Full-strength juice may only be used to meet the fruit or vegetable requirement at one meal or snack per day	1/8 cup	½ cup	½ cup	1/ <sub>4</sub> cup	
<ul> <li>Grains</li> <li>Must be whole grain-rich, enriched, or fortified</li> <li>At least one serving per day must be whole grain-rich</li> <li>Grain-based desserts are not creditable (Refer to the CACFP Grains Chart)</li> <li>Cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce</li> </ul>					
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Bread products, such as biscuits, rolls, or muffins Refer to the <u>CACFP Grains Chart</u> for options and serving sizes	½ serving	½ serving	1 serving	1 serving	
Rice, pasta, grains, and/or cooked cereals	½ cup	1/4 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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Cottage cheese, ricotta cheese, cheese spread, cheese food	1 oz (½ cup)	1 oz (½ cup)	2 oz (¼ cup)	2 oz (¼ cup)
Large egg	½ egg	½ egg	½ egg	½ egg
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Tofu (commercially prepared) 2.2 oz. (1/4 cup) must contain at least 5 grams of protein	½ cup (1.1 oz)	½ cup (1.1 oz)	1/4 cup (2.2 oz)	½ cup (2.2 oz)
Soy products or alternate protein products  Must meet the requirements in Appendix A to Part 226	½ oz	½ oz	1 oz	1 oz
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