

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
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)	³ ⁄ ₄ cup (6 oz)	1 cup (8 oz)	1 cup (8 oz)
Vegetables or Fruits (or portions of both) • Full-strength juice may only be served 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 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 Refer to the <u>CACFP Grains Chart</u> for options and serving sizes	½ oz eq	½ oz eq	1 oz eq	1 oz eq
Cooked breakfast cereal, cereal grain, rice and/or pasta	½ cup	½ 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 ½ cup	1 ½ cup
Granola	1/8 cup	1∕8 cup	½ cup	½ cup

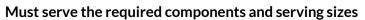
Meat/Meat Alternates

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

Amounts listed below must be served to meet the m/ma serving size requirements				
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	(½ cup)	(½ cup)	(½ cup)	(½ cup)
Cottage cheese, ricotta cheese, cheese spread, cheese food 2 ounces = 1 ounce meat/meat alternate	½ cup (1 oz)	½ cup (1 oz)	½ cup (2 oz)	½ cup (2 oz)
Large egg	1⁄4 egg	¼ egg	½ egg	½ egg
Cooked dry beans or peas	1/8 cup	1/8 cup	½ cup	½ cup
Yogurt (regular and soy) - Must contain no more than 23 grams of total sugars per 6 ounces - 4 ounces = 1 ounce meat/meat alternate	½ cup (2 oz)	½ 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
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)	½ cup (2.2 oz)	½ cup (2.2 oz)
Soy products (e.g. soy sausage, veggie burgers etc.) 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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Lunch and Supper All five components required for a reimbursable meal				
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Meat/Meat Alternates				
Amounts listed below mu	st be served	to meet the m	/ma serving si	ze requirements
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	(½ cup)	(3/8 cup)	(½ cup)	(½ cup)
Cottage cheese, ricotta cheese, cheese spread, cheese food 2 ounces = 1 ounce meat/meat alternate	½ cup (2 oz)	3/8 cup (3 oz)	½ cup (4 oz)	½ cup (4 oz)
Large egg	½ egg	¾ egg	1 egg	1 egg
Cooked dry beans or peas	1/4 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%	³ / ₄ 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 - 4 ounces = 1 ounce meat/meat alternate	½ cup (4 oz)	³ / ₄ 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	½ 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 Must meet the requirements in <u>Appendix A</u> to Part 226	1 oz	1½ oz	2 oz	2 oz
Vegetables • Full-strength juice may only be served to meet the fruit or vegetable requirement at one meal or snack per day	½ cup	½ cup	½ cup	½ cup
 Fruits 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. 	½ cup	½ cup	⅓ 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 (<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 Refer to the <u>CACFP Grains Chart</u> for options and serving sizes	½ oz eq	½ oz eq	1 oz eq	1 oz eq
Rice, pasta, grains, and/or cooked cereals	½ cup	½ cup	½ cup	½ cup



Granola

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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	(½ cup)	(1/8 cup)	(½ cup)	(½ cup)
Cottage cheese, ricotta cheese, cheese spread, cheese food 2 ounces = 1 ounce meat/meat alternate	½ cup (1 oz)	½ cup (1 oz)	½ cup (2 oz)	½ cup (2 oz)
Large egg	½ egg	½ egg	½ egg	½ egg
Cooked dry beans or peas	1/8 cup	1/8 cup	½ cup	½ cup
Peanut butter, soy nut butter or other nut or seed butters	1 Tbsp	1 Tbsp	2 Tbsp	2 Tbsp
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Soy products (e.g. soy sausage, veggie burgers etc.) or alternate protein products Must meet the requirements in <u>Appendix A</u> to Part 226	½ oz	½ oz	1 oz	1 oz
Vegetables*	½ cup	½ cup	¾ cup	³∕₄ cup
Fruits*	½ cup	½ cup	¾ cup	³∕₄ cup
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