

Child Care Meal Pattern

Breakfast Select All Three Components for a Reimbursable Meal			
Food Components	Ages 1-2	Ages 3-5	Ages 6-12¹
1 milk² fluid milk	1/2 cup	3/4 cup	1 cup
1 fruit/vegetable juice, ³ fruit and/or vegetable	1/4 cup	1/2 cup	1/2 cup
1 grains/bread⁴ bread or cornbread or biscuit or roll or muffin or cold dry cereal or hot cooked cereal or pasta or noodles or grains	1/2 slice 1/2 serving 1/4 cup 1/4 cup 1/4 cup	1/2 slice 1/2 serving 1/3 cup 1/4 cup 1/4 cup	1 slice 1 serving 3/4 cup 1/2 cup 1/2 cup
¹ Children age 12 and older may be served larger portions based on their greater food needs. They may not be served less than the minimum quantities listed in this column. ² Milk served must be low-fat (1%) or non-fat (skim). ³ Fruit or vegetable juice must be full-strength. ⁴ Breads and grains must be made from whole-grain or enriched meal or flour. Cereal must be whole-grain or enriched or fortified.			

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Lunch or Supper

Select All Four Components for a Reimbursable Meal

Food Components	Ages 1-2	Ages 3-5	Ages 6-12¹
1 milk² fluid milk	1/2 cup	3/4 cup	1 cup
2 fruits/vegetables juice, ³ fruit and/or vegetable	1/4 cup	1/2 cup	3/4 cup
1 grains/bread⁴ bread or cornbread or biscuit or roll or muffin or cold dry cereal or hot cooked cereal or pasta or noodles or grains	1/2 slice 1/2 serving 1/4 cup 1/4 cup 1/4 cup	1/2 slice 1/2 serving 1/3 cup 1/4 cup 1/4 cup	1 slice 1 serving 3/4 cup 1/2 cup 1/2 cup
1 meat/meat alternate meat or poultry or fish ⁵ or alternate protein product or cheese or egg or cooked dry beans or peas or peanut or other nut or seed butters or nuts and/or seeds ⁶ or yogurt ⁷	1 oz. 1 oz. 1 oz. 1/2 1/4 cup 2 Tbsp. 1/2 oz. 4 oz.	1½ oz. 1½ oz. 1½ oz. 3/4 3/8 cup 3 Tbsp. 3/4 oz. 6 oz.	2 oz. 2 oz. 2 oz. 1 1/2 cup 4 Tbsp. 1 oz. 8 oz.

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³ Fruit or vegetable juice must be full-strength.

⁴ Breads and grains must be made from whole-grain or enriched meal or flour. Cereal must be whole-grain or enriched or fortified.

⁵ A serving consists of the edible portion of cooked lean meat or poultry or fish.

⁶ Nuts and seeds may meet only one-half of the total meat/meat alternate serving and must be combined with another meat/meat alternate to fulfill the lunch or supper requirement.

⁷ Yogurt may be plain or flavored, unsweetened or sweetened.

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Snack			
Select Two of the Four Components for a Reimbursable Snack			
Food Components	Ages 1-2	Ages 3-5	Ages 6-12¹
1 milk² fluid milk	1/2 cup	1/2 cup	1 cup
1 fruit/vegetable juice, ³ fruit and/or vegetable	1/2 cup	1/2 cup	3/4 cup
1 grains/bread⁴ bread or cornbread or biscuit or roll or muffin or cold dry cereal or hot cooked cereal or pasta or noodles or grains	1/2 slice 1/2 serving 1/4 cup 1/4 cup 1/4 cup	1/2 slice 1/2 serving 1/3 cup 1/4 cup 1/4 cup	1 slice 1 serving 3/4 cup 1/2 cup 1/2 cup
1 meat/meat alternate meat or poultry or fish ⁵ or alternate protein product or cheese or egg ⁶ or cooked dry beans or peas or peanut or other nut or seed butters or nuts and/or seeds or yogurt ⁷	1/2 oz. 1/2 oz. 1/2 oz. 1/2 1/8 cup 1 Tbsp. 1/2 oz. 2 oz.	1/2 oz. 1/2 oz. 1/2 oz. 1/2 1/8 cup 1 Tbsp. 1/2 oz. 2 oz.	1 oz. 1 oz. 1 oz. 1/2 1/4 cup 2 Tbsp. 1 oz. 4 oz.
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