## **Menu Planning Checklist**

### **Grains and Breads**

- $\hfill\square$  One whole grain rich serving MUST be served daily.
- No grain based desserts.
- Claimed breakfast cereal must be no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce of cereal (21.2 grams of sugar per 100 grams of cereal), including ready-to-eat, instant and hot cereal.

### Fluid Milk

Unflavored whole milk served to 1 year olds; unflavored low-fat or fat free served to children 2-5 yrs old; and unflavored low-fat, unflavored OR flavored fat-free served to children 6 yrs or older.

### **Fruits and Vegetables**

- □ 100% juice is limited to once per day, maximum.
- One fruit and one vegetable OR two different vegetables
   claimed at lunch and dinner. Vegetable MUST be served.

#### Meat & Meat Alternates

- Meat/Meat alternates may be claimed in place of entire grain component for breakfast up to three times per week.
- □ Tofu can be claimed as a Meat/Meat Alternate
- Yogurts must contain no more than 23 grams of sugar per 6 ounces.

#### Infants

- Two age groups listed on menu: birth through 5 months & 6 months through 11 months
- □ Juice, cheese food, and cheese spread must not be served
- □ Whole eggs are creditable.
- A vegetable or fruit, or both, must be served at snack when infant is developmentally ready.
- When space is provided for a breast-feeding mother in the childcare program, it may be claimed & reimbursed.

#### **Other Provisions**

- $\hfill\square$  Parents can provide one creditable meal component.
- $\hfill\square$  No on-site deep frying permitted



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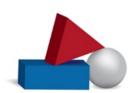


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# CACFP Menu Planning Reference Guide





### Yogurt

Claimed yogurts must contain no more than 23 grams of sugar per 6 ounces.

<u>Grams of Sugar per Serving</u> = Ounces of Yogurt per Serving

= Is it 3.83 or less?
✓ Yes, it is creditable!

### **Quick Guide**

	of Yogurt erving	Grams of Sugar per Serving			
2 oz	1/4 cup	7g or less			
2.5oz	1/3 cup	9g or less			
3 oz	3/8 cup	11 g or less			
4 oz	1/2 cup	15g or less			
5.3 oz	2/3 cup	20g or less			
6 oz	3/4 cup	23g or less			
8 oz	1 cup	30g or less			

### **Breakfast Cereals**

Claimed breakfast cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce of cereal (21.2 grams of sugar per 100 grams of cereal).

### ✓ Look for WIC approved cereals

Any grain product found on a State agency's WIC approved whole grain food list meets CACFP whole grain rich criteria.

### ✓ Look at the Nutrition Label

Do a quick calculation by dividing the number of grams of sugar per serving by the number grams of cereal per serving. If the result is 0.212 or less, the cereal is creditable. Use the chart below to help.

Grams of Sugar per Serving = Is it 0.212 or less? Grams of Cereal per Serving ☑ Yes, it is creditable!

	Grams of Cereal per Serving										
Grams of Sugar per Serving		20- 23g	24- 28g	29- 33g	34- 37g	38- 42g	43- 47g	48- 51g	52- 55g		
	4g		N	M	V	N	N	N	M		
	5g	X	N	Þ	V	N	N	N	$\mathbf{N}$		
	6g	X	×	Ŋ	N	N	N	N	Þ		
	7g	X	×	×	N	N	N	N	N		
	8g	X	×	×	X	N	N	N	$\mathbf{N}$		
	9g	X	×	×	X	×	N	N	$\mathbf{N}$		
	10g	X	×	×	X	×	×	N	$\mathbf{N}$		
	11g	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	N		
	12g	X	×	X	x	×	×	×	×		

### **Grain-Based Desserts**

Grain-based desserts no longer claimable as grains/breads component.

### Grain-based desserts include:

- Breakfast & cereal bars
- Granola bars
- Brownies
- Cakes
- Cookies (including vanilla wafers)
- Doughnuts
- toaster pastries
- Sweet pie crusts
- Sweet rolls
- Sweet rice pudding
- Sweet scones

### ☑ Breakfast and Snack Ideas:

- Bagels / Biscuits / Breads / Bread Sticks /Rolls
- Savory crackers
- Cereals
- Muffins
- Grain salads
- Ravioli
- Savory Scones
- Tortilla Chips / Tortilla Shells
- Fresh fruit & vegetables
- Pasta /Grain Salads
- Pretzels (soft or hard)
- English muffins
- French Toast
- Muesli
- Oats & Oatmeal
- Waffles