



CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM MEAL PATTERNS

BREAKFAST Meal Pattern for Children and Adults

	Ages 1-2	Ages 3-5	Ages 6-12	Ages 13-18 ² (at-risk afterschool programs and emergency shelters)	Adult
Food Components and Food Items ¹	Minimum Quantities				
Fluid milk ³	4 fl oz	6 fl oz	8 fl oz	8 fl oz	8 fl oz
Vegetables, fruits, or portions of both ⁴	¼ cup	½ cup	½ cup	½ cup	½ cup
Grains (oz eq) ^{5,6,7,8}	½ oz eq	½ oz eq	1 oz eq	1 oz eq	2 oz eq

¹ Must serve all 3 components for a reimbursable meal. Offer versus serve is an option for at-risk afterschool and adult participants.

² Larger portion sizes than specified may need to be served to children 13 through 18 years old to meet their nutritional needs.

³ Must be unflavored whole milk for children age 1. Must be unflavored low-fat (1%) or unflavored fat-free (skim) milk for children 2 through 5 years old. Must be unflavored low-fat (1%), flavored low-fat (1%), unflavored fat-free (skim), or flavored fat-free (skim) milk for children 6 years old and older and adults. For adult participants, 6 ounces (oz) (weight) or ¾ cup (volume) of yogurt may be used to meet the equivalent of 8 oz of fluid milk once per day when yogurt is not served as a meat alternate in the same meal.

⁴ Pasteurized full-strength juice may only be used to meet the vegetable or fruit requirement at 1 meal, including snack, per day.

⁵ At least 1 serving per day, across all eating occasions, must be whole grain-rich. Grain-based desserts do not count towards meeting the grains requirement.

⁶ Meat and meat alternates may be used to meet the entire grains requirement a maximum of 3 times a week. One ounce of meat and meat alternates is equal to 1 ounce equivalent (oz eq) of grains.

⁷ Refer to FNS guidance for additional information on crediting different types of grains.

⁸ Breakfast cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce (no more than 21.2 grams sucrose and other sugars per 100 grams of dry cereal).



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LUNCH AND SUPPER

Meal Pattern for Children and Adults

	Ages 1-2	Ages 3-5	Ages 6-12	Ages 13-18 ² (at-risk afterschool programs and emergency shelters)	Adult
Food Components and Food Items ¹	Minimum Quantities				
Fluid milk ³	4 fl oz	6 fl oz	8 fl oz	8 fl oz	8 fl oz ⁴
Meats/meat alternates Edible portion as served:					
Lean meat, poultry, or fish	1 oz eq	1½ oz eq	2 oz eq	2 oz eq	2 oz eq
Tofu, soy products, or alternate protein products ⁵	1 oz eq	1½ oz eq	2 oz eq	2 oz eq	2 oz eq
Cheese	1 oz eq	1½ oz eq	2 oz eq	2 oz eq	2 oz eq
Large egg	½	¾	1	1	1
Cooked dry beans or peas	¼ cup	¾ cup	½ cup	½ cup	½ cup
Peanut butter or soy nut butter or other nut or seed butters	2 Tbsp	3 Tbsp	4 Tbsp	4 Tbsp	4 Tbsp
Yogurt, plain or flavored, unsweetened or sweetened ⁶	4 oz or ½ cup	6 oz or ¾ cup	8 oz or 1 cup	8 oz or 1 cup	8 oz or 1 cup
The following may be used to meet no more than 50 percent of the requirement: Peanuts, soy nuts, tree nuts, or seeds, as listed in program guidance, or an equivalent quantity of any combination of the above meat/meat alternates (1 oz of nuts/seeds = 1 oz of cooked lean meat, poultry, or fish)	½ oz eq = 50%	¾ oz eq = 50%	1 oz eq = 50%	1 oz eq = 50%	1 oz eq = 50%
Vegetables ^{7,8}	⅛ cup	¼ cup	½ cup	½ cup	½ cup
Fruits ^{7,8}	⅛ cup	¼ cup	¼ cup	¼ cup	½ cup
Grains (oz eq) ^{9,10,11}	½ oz eq	½ oz eq	1 oz eq	1 oz eq	2 oz eq

¹ Must serve all five components for a reimbursable meal. Offer versus serve is an option for at risk afterschool and adult participants.

² Larger portion sizes than specified may need to be served to children 13 through 18 years old to meet their nutritional needs.

³ Must be unflavored whole milk for children age 1. Must be unflavored low-fat (1%) or unflavored fat-free (skim) milk for children 2 through 5 years old. Must be unflavored low-fat (1%), flavored low-fat (1%), unflavored fat-free (skim), or flavored fat-free (skim) milk for children 6 years



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old and older and adults. For adult participants, 6 ounces (weight) or $\frac{3}{4}$ cup (volume) of yogurt may be used to meet the equivalent of 8 ounces of fluid milk once per day when yogurt is not served as a meat alternate in the same meal.

- ⁴ A serving of fluid milk is optional for suppers served to adult participants.
- ⁵ Alternate protein products must meet the requirements in Appendix A of 7 CFR Part 226.
- ⁶ Yogurt must contain no more than 23 grams of total sugars per 6 ounces.
- ⁷ Pasteurized full-strength juice may only be used to meet the vegetable or fruit requirement at one meal, including snack, per day.
- ⁸ A vegetable may be used to meet the entire fruit requirement. When two vegetables are served at lunch or supper, two different kinds of vegetables must be served.
- ⁹ At least one serving per day, across all eating occasions, must be whole grain-rich. Grain-based desserts do not count towards the grains requirement.
- ¹⁰ Refer to FNS guidance for additional information on crediting different types of grains.
- ¹¹ Breakfast cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce (no more than 21.2 grams sucrose and other sugars per 100 grams of dry cereal).



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SNACK

Meal Pattern for Children and Adults

(Select 2 of the 5 components for a reimbursable snack)

	Ages 1-2	Ages 3-5	Ages 6-12	Ages 13-18 ² (at-risk afterschool programs and emergency shelters)	Adult
Food Components and Food Items ¹	Minimum Quantities				
Fluid Milk ³	4 fl oz	4 fl oz	8 fl oz	8 fl oz	8 fl oz
Meats/meat alternates					
Lean meat, poultry, or fish	½ oz eq	½ oz eq	1 oz eq	1 oz eq	1 oz eq
Tofu, soy product, or alternate protein products ⁴	½ oz eq	½ oz eq	1 oz eq	1 oz eq	1 oz eq
Cheese	½ oz eq	½ oz eq	1 oz eq	1 oz eq	1 oz eq
Large egg	½	½	½	½	½
Cooked dry beans or peas	⅛ cup	⅛ cup	¼ cup	¼ cup	¼ cup
Peanut butter or soy nut butter or other nut or seed butters	1 Tbsp	1 Tbsp	2 Tbsp	2 Tbsp	2 Tbsp
Yogurt, plain or flavored unsweetened or sweetened ⁵	2 oz or ¼ cup	2 oz or ¼ cup	4 oz or ½ cup	4 oz or ½ cup	4 oz or ½ cup
Peanuts, soy nuts, tree nuts, or seeds	½ oz eq	½ oz eq	1 oz eq	1 oz eq	1 oz eq
Vegetables ⁶	½ cup	½ cup	¾ cup	¾ cup	½ cup
Fruits ⁶	½ cup	½ cup	¾ cup	¾ cup	½ cup
Grains (oz eq) ^{7,8,9}	1/2 oz eq	1/2 oz eq	1 oz eq	1 oz eq	1 oz eq

¹ Select two of the five components for a reimbursable snack. Only one of the two components may be a beverage.

² Larger portion sizes than specified may need to be served to children 13 through 18 years old to meet their nutritional needs.

³ Must be unflavored whole milk for children age 1. Must be unflavored low-fat (1%) or unflavored fat-free (skim) milk for children 2 through 5 years old. Must be unflavored low-fat (1%), flavored low-fat (1%), unflavored fat-free (skim), or flavored fat-free (skim) milk for children 6 years old and older.

⁴ Alternate protein products must meet the requirements in Appendix A of 7 CFR Part 226.

⁵ Yogurt must contain no more than 23 grams of total sugars per 6 ounces.

⁶ Pasteurized full-strength juice may only be used to meet the vegetable or fruit requirement at one meal, including snack, per day.

⁷ At least one serving per day, across all eating occasions, must be whole grain-rich. Grain-based desserts do not count towards meeting the grains requirement.

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⁹ Breakfast cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce (no more than 21.2 grams sucrose and other sugars per 100 grams of dry cereal).