## CACFP Child Meal Pattern

Must serve the required components and serving sizes

## 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 <br> - 1 year olds: Unflavored whole milk <br> - 2-5 year olds: Unflavored 1\% or skim <br> $-6-18$ year olds: Unflavored or flavored 1\% or skim | $1 / 2 \mathrm{cup}$ | $3 / 4 \mathrm{cup}$ | 1 cup | 1 cup |
| $(4 \mathrm{oz})$ | $(6 \mathrm{oz})$ | $(8 \mathrm{oz})$ | (8 oz) |  |

## Grains

- Must be wholegrain-rich, enriched, or fortified
- At least one serving per day must be wholegrain-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 | $1 / 2$ slice | $1 / 2$ slice | 1 slice | 1 slice |
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| Bread products such as biscuits, rolls, or muffins <br> Refer to the CACFP Grains Chart for options and serving sizes | $1 / 2$ serving | $1 / 2$ serving | 1 serving | 1 serving |
| Cooked breakfast cereal, cereal grain, rice and/or pasta | $1 / 4$ cup | $1 / 4$ cup | $1 / 2$ cup | $1 / 2$ cup |
| Ready-to-eat breakfast cereal (dry, cold) | $1 / 4$ 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

| Amounts listed below must be served to meet the $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{ma}$ serving size requirements |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lean meat, poultry, or fish | $1 / 2 \mathrm{oz}$ | $1 / 2 \mathrm{Oz}$ | 1 oz | 1 oz |
| Cheese (natural and processed; soft and hard) | $1 / 2 \mathrm{Oz}$ | $1 / 2 \mathrm{OZ}$ | 1 oz | 1 oz |
| Shredded cheese | (1/8 cup) | (1/8 cup) | (1/4 cup) | (11/4 cup) |
| Cottage cheese, ricotta cheese, cheese spread, cheese food 2 ounces = 1 ounce meat/meat alternate | $1 / 8$ cup $(1 \mathrm{oz})$ | $1 / 8$ cup $(1 \mathrm{oz})$ | $1 / 4$ cup $(2 \mathrm{oz})$ | $1 / 4$ cup (2 oz) |
| Large egg | $1 / 4 \mathrm{egg}$ | $1 / 4 \mathrm{egg}$ | 1/2 egg | $1 / 2 \mathrm{egg}$ |
| Cooked dry beans or peas | 1/8 cup | 1/8 cup | $1 / 4$ cup | $1 / 4$ cup |
| Yogurt (regular and soy) <br> - Must contain no more than 23 grams of total sugars per 6 ounces <br> - 4 ounces $=1$ ounce meat/meat alternate | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 4 \text { cup } \\ & (2 \mathrm{oz}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 4 \text { cup } \\ & (2 \mathrm{oz}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 2 \text { cup } \\ & (4 \mathrm{oz}) \end{aligned}$ | $1 / 2$ cup <br> (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 | $1 / 2 \mathrm{Oz}$ | $1 / 2 \mathrm{Oz}$ | 1 oz | 1 oz |
| Tofu (commercially prepared) <br> 2.2 oz. (1/4 cup) must contain at least 5 grams of protein | $1 / 8$ cup <br> (1.1 oz) | $\begin{gathered} 1 / 8 \mathrm{cup} \\ (1.1 \mathrm{oz}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 4 \text { cup } \\ & (2.2 \mathrm{oz}) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1 / 4 \mathrm{cup} \\ (2.2 \mathrm{oz}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| Soy products (e.g. soy sausage, veggie burgers etc.) or alternate protein products <br> Must meet the requirements in Appendix A to Part 226 | $1 / 2 \mathrm{OZ}$ | $1 / 2 \mathrm{OZ}$ | 1 oz | $10 z$ |

## Lunch and Supper

All five components required for a reimbursable meal

| Food Components and Food Items | Ages 1-2 | Ages 3-5 | Ages 6-12 | Ages 13-18 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fluid Milk <br> - 1 year olds: Unflavored whole milk <br> - 2-5 year olds: Unflavored $1 \%$ or skim <br> - 6-18 year olds: Unflavored or flavored $1 \%$ or skim | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 2 \mathrm{cup} \\ & (4 \mathrm{oz}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 / 4 \text { cup } \\ & (6 \mathrm{oz}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \mathrm{cup} \\ & (8 \mathrm{oz}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { cup } \\ & (8 \mathrm{oz}) \end{aligned}$ |
| Meat/Meat Alternates |  |  |  |  |
| Amounts listed below must be served to meet the $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{ma}$ serving size requirements |  |  |  |  |
| Lean meat, poultry, or fish | 1 oz | $11 / 2 \mathrm{oz}$ | 2 oz | 2 oz |
| Cheese (natural and processed; soft and hard) | 1 oz | $11 / 2 \mathrm{oz}$ | 2 oz | 2 oz |
| Shredded cheese | ( $1 / 4$ cup) | (3/8 cup) | (112 cup) | (112 cup) |
| Cottage cheese, ricotta cheese, cheese spread, cheese food 2 ounces $=1$ ounce meat/meat alternate | $1 / 4$ cup $(2 \mathrm{oz})$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 3 / 8 \text { cup } \\ (3 \mathrm{oz}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 2 \mathrm{cup} \\ & (4 \mathrm{oz}) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 2 \mathrm{cup} \\ & (4 \mathrm{oz}) \end{aligned}$ |
| Large egg | $1 / 2 \mathrm{egg}$ | $3 / 4 \mathrm{egg}$ | 1 egg | 1 egg |
| Cooked dry beans or peas | $1 / 4$ cup | 3/8 cup | $1 / 2$ cup | $1 / 2$ 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 <br> - May be used to meet no more than $1 / 2$ the $\mathrm{M} / \mathrm{MA}$ serving size <br> - Combine with another M/MA to meet the full minimum serving size | $\begin{gathered} 1 / 20 z= \\ 50 \% \end{gathered}$ | $3 / 4 \mathrm{oz}=50 \%$ | $1 \mathrm{oz}=50 \%$ | $1 \mathrm{oz}=50 \%$ |
| Yogurt (regular and soy) <br> - Must contain no more than 23 grams of total sugars per 6 ounces <br> - 4 ounces $=1$ ounce meat/meat alternate | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 2 \text { cup } \\ & (4 \mathrm{oz}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 / 4 \text { cup } \\ & (6 \mathrm{oz}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \mathrm{cup} \\ & (8 \mathrm{oz}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { cup } \\ & (8 \mathrm{oz}) \end{aligned}$ |
| Tofu (commercially prepared) <br> 2.2 oz. (1/4 cup) must contain at least 5 grams of protein | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 1 / 4 \mathrm{cup} \\ & (2.2 \mathrm{oz}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 3 / 8 \mathrm{cup} \\ & (3.3 \mathrm{oz}) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 2 \mathrm{cup} \\ & (4.4 \mathrm{oz}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 2 \mathrm{cup} \\ & (4.4 \mathrm{oz}) \end{aligned}$ |
| Soy products (e.g. soy sausage, veggie burgers etc.) or alternate protein products Must meet the requirements in AppendixA to Part 226 | 1 oz | 11120 | 2 oz | 2 oz |
| Vegetables <br> - Full-strength juice may only be served to meet the fruit or vegetable requirement at one meal or snack per day | 1/8 cup | $1 / 4$ cup | $1 / 2$ cup | $1 / 2$ cup |
| Fruits <br> - Full-strength juice may only be served to meet the fruit or vegetable requirement at one meal or snack per day <br> - A second vegetable may be served in place of fruit. When served, must serve the minimum fruit serving size. | 1/8 cup | $1 / 4$ cup | $1 / 4$ cup | $1 / 4$ cup |
| Grains <br> - Must be whole grain-rich, enriched, or fortified <br> - Grain-based desserts are not creditable (Refer to CACFP Grains Chart) <br> - At least one serving per day must be wholegrain-rich <br> - Cereals must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce |  |  |  |  |
| Bread | $1 / 2$ slice | $1 / 2$ slice | 1 slice | 1 slice |
| Bread products, such as biscuits, rolls, or muffins Refer to the CACFP Grains Chart for options and serving sizes | $1 / 2$ serving | $1 / 2$ serving | 1 serving | 1 serving |
| Rice, pasta, grains, and/or cooked cereals | $1 / 4$ cup | $1 / 4$ cup | $1 / 2$ cup | $1 / 2$ cup |

Snack
Must serve 2 of the 5 components. Only 1 of the 2 components may be a beverage.

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| $(4 \mathrm{oz})$ | $(4 \mathrm{oz})$ | $(8 \mathrm{oz})$ | $(8 \mathrm{oz})$ |  |

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| Cheese (natural and processed; soft and hard) | $1 / 2 \mathrm{oz}$ | $1 / 2 \mathrm{oz}$ | 1 oz | 1 oz |
| Shredded cheese | (1/8 cup) | (1/8 cup) | (1/4 cup) | (1/4 cup) |
| Cottage cheese, ricotta cheese, cheese spread, cheese food 2 ounces $=1$ ounce meat/meat alternate | $1 / 8$ cup <br> (1 oz) | $1 / 8$ cup <br> (1 oz) | $1 / 4$ cup $(2 \mathrm{oz})$ | $1 / 4$ cup $(2 \mathrm{oz})$ |
| Large egg | 1/2egg | $1 / 2 \mathrm{egg}$ | $1 / 2 \mathrm{egg}$ | $1 / 2 \mathrm{egg}$ |
| Cooked dry beans or peas | $1 / 8$ cup | $1 / 8 \mathrm{cup}$ | $1 / 4$ cup | $1 / 4$ cup |
| 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 | $1 / 2 \mathrm{Oz}$ | $1 / 2 \mathrm{Oz}$ | 1 oz | 1 oz |
| Yogurt (regular and soy) <br> - Must contain no more than 23 grams of total sugars per 6 ounce <br> - 4 ounces $=1$ ounce meat/meat alternate | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 4 \text { cup } \\ & (2 \mathrm{oz}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 4 \text { cup } \\ & (2 \text { oz }) \end{aligned}$ | $1 / 2$ cup (4oz) | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 2 \mathrm{cup} \\ & (4 \mathrm{oz}) \end{aligned}$ |
| Tofu (commercially prepared) <br> 2.2 oz. (1/4 cup) must contain at least 5 grams of protein | 1/8 cup <br> (1.1 oz) | 1/8 cup <br> (1.1 oz) | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 4 \text { cup } \\ & (2.2 \mathrm{oz}) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 4 \mathrm{cup} \\ & (2.2 \mathrm{oz}) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Soy products (e.g. soy sausage, veggie burgers etc.) or alternate protein products <br> Must meet the requirements in Appendix A to Part 226 | $1 / 202$ | $1 / 202$ | $10 z$ | 1 oz |
| Vegetables <br> - Full-strength juice may only be served to meet the fruit or vegetable requirement at one meal or snack per day | $1 / 2$ cup | $1 / 2$ cup | $3 / 4$ cup | 3/4 cup |
| Fruits <br> - Full-strength juice may only be served to meet the fruit or vegetable requirement at one meal or snack per day | 1/2 cup | $1 / 2$ cup | $3 / 4$ cup | $3 / 4$ cup |

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