

CACFP MEAL PATTERN FOR OLDER CHILDREN

BREAKFAST	Ages one through two years	Ages three through five years	Ages six through twelve years
Milk, fluid	1/2 cup	3/4 cup	1 cup
Vegetable, fruit or full-strength (100%) juice	1/4 cup	1/2 cup	1/2 cup
Grains/breads (whole grain or enriched) bread or rolls, muffins, etc. or cold dry cereal (volume or weight, whichever is less) or cooked cereal, pasta, noodle products, or cereal grains	1/2 slice 1/2 serving 1/4 cup or 1/3 oz 1/4 cup	1/2 slice 1/2 serving 1/3 cup or 1/2 oz 1/4 cup	1 slice 1 serving 3/4 cup or 1 oz 1/2 cup
LUNCH OR SUPPER			
Milk, fluid	1/2 cup	3/4 cup	1 cup
Vegetable and or fruit (two or more kinds)	1/4 cup total	1/2 cup total	3/4 cup total
Grains/bread (whole grain or enriched) bread or rolls, muffins, etc. or cooked pasta, noodle products, or cereal grains	1/2 slice 1/2 serving 1/4 cup	1/2 slice 1/2 serving 1/4 cup	1 slice 1 serving 1/2 cup
Meat/meat alternates Lean meat, fish, or poultry (edible portion as served) or cheese (natural or processed) or cottage cheese or egg (large) or yogurt, plain or flavored, unsweetened or sweetened or cooked dried beans or dried peas ¹ or peanut butter, reduced-fat peanut butter, soynut butter or other nut or seed butters (1/2 of requirement only) or peanuts, soynuts, tree nuts, roasted peas, or seeds ² or an equivalent quantity of any combination of the above meat/meat alternate	1 oz 1 oz 1/4 cup or 2 oz 1/2 egg 1/2 cup 1/4 cup 2 Tbsp ⁽²⁾ 1/2 oz** ⁽²⁾	1 1/2 oz 1 1/2 oz 3/8 cup or 3 oz 3/4 egg 3/4 cup 3/8 cup 3 Tbsp ⁽²⁾ 3/4 oz** ⁽²⁾	2 oz 2 oz 1/2 cup or 4 oz 1 egg 1 cup 1/2 cup 4 Tbsp ⁽²⁾ 1 oz** ⁽²⁾
AM OR PM SUPPLEMENT (Select two of these four components)³			
Milk, fluid	1/2 cup	1/2 cup	1 cup
Vegetable, fruit, or full-strength (100%) juice	1/2 cup	1/2 cup	3/4 cup
Grains/breads (whole grain or enriched) bread or rolls, muffins, etc. or cold dry cereal (volume or weight, whichever is less) or cooked cereal, pasta, noodle products, or cereal grains	1/2 slice 1/2 serving 1/4 cup or 1/3 oz 1/4 cup	1/2 slice 1/2 serving 1/3 cup or 1/2 oz 1/4 cup	1 slice 1 serving 3/4 cup or 1 oz 1/2 cup
Meat/meat alternates Lean meat, fish, or poultry (edible portion as served) or cheese (natural or processed) or cottage cheese or egg (large) or yogurt, plain or flavored, unsweetened or sweetened ⁴ or cooked dried beans or dried peas* or peanut butter, reduced-fat peanut butter, soynut butter or other nut or seed butters or peanuts, soynuts, tree nuts, roasted peas, or seeds or an equivalent quantity of any combination of the above meat/meat alternates	1/2 oz 1/2 oz 1/8 cup or 1 oz 1/2 egg 1/4 cup 1/8 cup 1 Tbsp 1/2 oz	1/2 oz 1/2 oz 1/8 cup or 1 oz 1/2 egg 1/4 cup 1/8 cup 1 Tbsp 1/2 oz	1 oz 1 oz 1/4 cup or 2 oz 1/2 egg 1/2 cup 1/4 cup 2 Tbsp 1 oz

1. Dried beans or dried peas may be used as a meat alternate or vegetable component, but cannot be counted as both components in the same meal.
2. No more than 50% of the requirement shall be met with nuts or seeds or nut butters. Nuts, seeds or nut butters must be combined with another meat/meat alternate to fulfill the requirement. To determine combinations, 1 oz of nuts or seeds is equal to 1 oz of cooked lean meat, poultry, or fish. Roasted peas can count as a meat alternate or vegetable component, but cannot be counted as both in the same meal.
3. Juice cannot be served when milk is served as the only other component.
4. If yogurt is used as the meat alternate component in supplements, milk cannot be used to satisfy the second component requirement. Commercially added fruit or nuts in flavored yogurt cannot be used to satisfy the second component requirement in supplements.