

Meal Pattern for Older Children

Child and Adult Care Food Program meal requirements for children ages one through twelve.

Breakfast

Milk

Type	Ages 1 to 2 years	Ages 3 to 5 years	Ages 6 to 12 years
Fluid Milk	1/2 cup	3/4 cup	1 cup

Vegetables, Fruit

Type	Ages 1 to 2 years	Ages 3 to 5 years	Ages 6 to 12 years
Vegetable, Fruit, or Full-Strength (100%) Juice	1/4 cup	1/2 cup	1/2 cup

Grains/Breads (whole grain or enriched)

Type	Ages 1 to 2 years	Ages 3 to 5 years	Ages 6 to 12 years
Bread	1/2 slice	1/2 slice	1 slice
OR Rolls, Muffins, etc.	1/2 serving	1/2 serving	1 serving
OR Cold Dry Cereal (volume or weight, whichever is less)	1/4 cup or 1/3 oz.	1/3 cup or 1/2 oz.	3/4 cup or 1 oz.
OR Cooked Cereal, Pasta, Noodle Products, or Cereal Grains	1/4 cup	1/4 cup	1/2 cup

Lunch or Supper

Milk

Type	Ages 1 to 2 years	Ages 3 to 5 years	Ages 6 to 12 years
Fluid Milk	1/2 cup	3/4 cup	1 cup

Vegetables, Fruits

Type	Ages 1 to 2 years	Ages 3 to 5 years	Ages 6 to 12 years
Vegetable and/or Fruit (two or more kinds)	1/4 cup total	1/2 cup total	3/4 cup total

Grains/Breads (whole grain or enriched)

Type	Ages 1 to 2 years	Ages 3 to 5 years	Ages 6 to 12 years
Bread	1/2 slice	1/2 slice	1 slice
OR Rolls, Muffins, etc	1/2 serving	1/2 serving	1 serving
OR Cooked Cereal, Pasta, Noodle Products, or Cereal Grains	1/4 cup	1/4 cup	1/2 cup

Meat/Meat Alternatives

Type	Ages 1 to 2 years	Ages 3 to 5 years	Ages 6 to 12 years
Lean Meat, Fish, or Poultry (edible portion as served)	1 oz.	1.5 oz.	2 oz.
OR Cheese (natural or processed)	1 oz.	1.5 oz.	2 oz.
OR Cottage Cheese, Cheese Food/Cheese Spread Substitute	1/4 cup or 2 oz.	3/8 cup or 3 oz.	1/2 cup or 4 oz.
OR Egg (large)	1/2 egg	3/4 egg	1 egg
OR Cooked Dried Beans or Dried Peas ₁	1/4 cup	3/8 cup	1/2 cup
OR Peanut Butter, Reduced-Fat Peanut Butter, Soy Nut Butter, or Other Nut or Seed Butters	2 Tbsp.	3 Tbsp.	4 Tbsp.
OR Peanuts, Soy Nuts, Tree Nuts, Roasted Peas, or Seeds ₂	1/2 oz. ²	3/4 oz. ²	1 oz. ²
OR yogurt (plain or flavored, unsweetened or sweetened)	1/2 cup	3/4 cup	1 cup
OR An Equivalent Quantity of Any Combination of the Above Meat/Meat Alternatives	N/A	N/A	N/A

A.M. or P.M. Supplement

(select 2 of these 4 components)³

Milk

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Fluid Milk	1/2 cup	1/2 cup	1 cup

Vegetables, Fruits

Type	Ages 1 to 2 years	Ages 3 to 5 years	Ages 6 to 12 years
Vegetable, Fruit, or Full-Strength (100%) Juice	1/2 cup	1/2 cup	3/4 cup

Grains/Breads (whole grain or enriched)

Type	Ages 1 to 2 years	Ages 3 to 5 years	Ages 6 to 12 years
Bread	1/2 slice	1/2 slice	1 slice
OR Rolls, Muffins, etc.	1/2 serving	1/2 serving	1 serving
OR Cold Dry Cereal (volume or weight, whichever is less)	1/4 cup or 1/3 oz.	1/3 cup or 1/2 oz.	3/4 cup or 1 oz.
OR Cooked Cereal, Pasta, Noodle Products, or Cereal Grains.	1/4 cup	1/4 cup	1/2 cup

Meat/Meat Alternatives

Type	Ages 1 to 2 years	Ages 3 to 5 years	Ages 6 to 12 years
Lean Meat, Fish, or Poultry (edible portion as served)	1/2 oz.	1/2 oz.	1 oz.
OR Cheese (natural or processed)	1/2 oz.	1/2 oz.	1 oz.
OR Cottage Cheese, Cheese Food/Cheese Spread Substitute	1/8 cup or 1 oz.	1/8 cup or 1 oz.	1/4 cup or 2 oz.
OR Egg (large)	1/2 egg	1/2 egg	1/2 egg
OR Yogurt (plain or flavored, unsweetened or sweetened ⁴)	1/4 cup	1/4 cup	1/2 cup
OR Cooked Dried Beans or Dried Peas ¹	1/8 cup	1/8 cup	1/4 cup
OR Peanut Butter, Reduced- Fat Peanut Butter, Soy Nut Butter, or Other Nut or Seed Butters	1 Tbsp.	1 Tbsp.	2 Tbsp.
OR Peanuts, Soy Nuts, Tree Nuts, Roasted Peas, or Seeds	1/2 oz	1/2 oz.	1 oz.
OR An Equivalent Quantity of Any Combination of the Above Meat/Meat Alternatives	N/A	N/A	N/A

¹ Dried beans or dried peas may be used as a meat alternate or as a vegetable component; but *cannot* be counted as both components in the same meal.

² No more than 50 percent of the requirement shall be met with nuts or seeds. Nuts or seeds shall 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 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.

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