

National School Lunch Meal Pattern

Food Components	Grade K - 5	Grade 6 – 8	Grade 9 - 12
Milk	5 cups/week (1 cup daily)	5 cups/week (1 cup daily)	5 cups/week (1 cup daily)
Meat or Meat Alternates -Daily/ Weekly Minimum	8 oz equivalent/week (1 oz daily minimum)	9 oz equivalent/week (1 oz daily minimum)	10 oz equivalent/week (2 oz daily minimum)
Vegetables (total) -Daily/ Weekly Minimum	3¾ cups/week (¾ cup daily minimum)	3¾ cups/week (¾ cup daily minimum)	5 cups/week (1 cup daily minimum)
<i>Dark Green Subgroup</i>	½ cup/wk	½ cup/wk	½ cup/wk
<i>Red / Orange Subgroup</i>	¾ cup/wk	¾ cup/wk	1¼ cup/wk
<i>Legumes Subgroup</i>	½ cup/wk	½ cup/wk	½ cup/wk
<i>Starchy Subgroup</i>	½ cup/wk	½ cup/wk	½ cup/wk
<i>Other Subgroup</i>	½ cup/wk	½ cup/wk	¾ cup/wk
Fruits -Daily/ Weekly Minimum	2½ cups/week (½ cup daily minimum)	2½ cups/week (½ cup daily minimum)	5 cups/week (1 cup daily minimum)
Grains / Breads -Weekly minimum- maximum** -100% of grains must be Whole-Grain Rich	8-9 oz equivalent/week** (1 oz daily minimum)	8-10 oz equivalent/week** (1 oz daily minimum)	10-12 oz equivalent/week** (2 oz daily minimum)
Minimum – Maximum Calories (kcal) -Weekly average	550 – 650	600 – 700	750 - 850
Saturated Fat (% of total calories) -Weekly average	<10%	<10%	<10%
Sodium* -Weekly average	≤1230 mg*	≤1360 mg*	≤1420 mg*
Trans Fat	0 grams / serving	0 grams / serving	0 grams / serving

*Sodium targets decrease in SY 24-25

**Staying within the maximums helps with dietary specifications, but are not required.

School Breakfast Meal Pattern

Food Components	Grade K - 5	Grade 6 – 8	Grade 9 - 12
Milk	5 cups/week (1 cup daily)	5 cups/week (1 cup daily)	5 cups/week (1 cup daily)
Meat or Meat Alternates None required but may substitute 1 oz equivalent of meat /meat alternate for 1 oz equivalent grains after minimum daily grain is met.			
Vegetables May be substituted for fruits.			
Fruits	5 cups/week (1 cup daily minimum)	5 cups/week (1 cup daily minimum)	5 cups/week (1 cup daily minimum)
Grains / Breads -Daily/ Weekly Minimum** -100% of grains must be Whole-Grain Rich	7 oz equivalent/week** (1 oz daily minimum)	8 oz equivalent/week** (1 oz daily minimum)	9 oz equivalent/week** (1 oz daily minimum)
Minimum – Maximum Calories (kcal) Weekly average	350 – 500	400 – 550	450 - 600
Saturated Fat (% of total calories) Weekly average	<10%	<10%	<10%
Sodium* Weekly average	≤ 540 mg*	≤ 600 mg*	≤ 640 mg*
Trans Fat	0 grams/serving	0 grams/serving	0 grams/serving

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