

Chart 3 NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM MEAL PATTERN

AFTERSCHOOL SNACKS

SELECT TWO OF THE FOUR COMPONENTS FOR A REIMBURSABLE SNACK

FOOD COMPONENTS AND FOOD ITEMS ¹	CHILDREN AGES 1 and 2	CHILDREN AGES 3-5	CHILDREN AGES 6-12 ¹
Milk			
Fluid milk	4 fl oz (1/2 cup)	4 fl oz (1/2 cup)	8 fl oz (1 cup)
Vegetable or Fruit^{2, 9}			
Juice ^{2, 9} , fruit, and/or vegetable	1/2 cup	1/2 cup	3/4 cup
Grains/Breads^{3, 4}			
Bread <i>or</i>	1/2 slice	1/2 slice	1 slice
Cornbread or biscuit or roll or muffin <i>or</i>	1/2 serving	1/2 serving	1 serving
Cold dry cereal ⁴ <i>or</i>	1/4 cup or 1/3 oz ⁴	1/3 cup or 1/2 oz ⁴	3/4 cup or 1 oz ⁴
Cooked cereal grains <i>or</i>	1/4 cup	1/4 cup	1/2 cup
Cooked pasta or noodles	1/4 cup	1/4 cup	1/2 cup
Meat/Meat Alternate^{5, 6, 7}			
Lean meat or poultry or fish ⁵ <i>or</i>	1/2 oz	1/2 oz	1 oz
Alternate protein products ⁶ <i>or</i>	1/2 oz	1/2 oz	1 oz
Cheese <i>or</i>	1/2 oz	1/2 oz	1 oz
Egg (large) <i>or</i>	1/2 large egg	1/2 large egg	1/2 large egg
Cooked dry beans or peas <i>or</i>	1/8 cup	1/8 cup	1/4 cup
Peanut or other nut or seed butters <i>or</i>	1 Tbsp	1 Tbsp	2 Tbsp
Nuts and/or seeds ⁷ <i>or</i>	1/2 oz ⁷	1/2 oz ⁷	1 oz
Yogurt ⁸	2 oz or 1/4 cup	2 oz or 1/4 cup	4 oz or 1/2 cup

¹ Children age 12 and older may be served larger portions based on their greater food needs. They may not be served less than the minimum quantities listed in this column.

² Full strength vegetable and/or fruit juice or an equivalent quantity of any combination of vegetable(s), fruit(s), and juice.

³ Grains/Breads must be whole-grain or enriched, or made from whole-grain or enriched flour or meal that may include bran and/or germ. Cereal must be whole-grain, enriched, or fortified.

⁴ Either volume (cup) or weight (oz), whichever is less.

⁵ A serving consists of the edible portion of cooked lean meat or poultry or fish.

⁶ Alternate protein products must meet requirements in Appendix A of 7 CFR Part 210.

⁷ Nuts and seeds are generally not recommended to be served to children ages 1-3 since they present a choking hazard. If served, nuts and seeds should be finely minced.

⁸ Yogurt may be plain or flavored, unsweetened, or sweetened – commercially prepared.

⁹ Juice may not be served when milk is the only other component.