## DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

## Chapter DCF 57

## **APPENDIX B**

## **CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements - Ages 1-12**

The meal pattern shall contain, as a minimum, each of the following components in the amounts indicated for the specific age group.

	Age 1 & 2	Age 3, 4, & 5	Age 6 up to 12
BREAKFAST			
1. Milk	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup	<sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> cup	1 cup
2. Juice <sup>a</sup> or fruit or vegetable	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> cup	$^{1}/_{2} \operatorname{cup}$	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup
3. Grains/breads: <sup>b</sup>	.41	2 1	2 1
Bread	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> slice	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> slice	1 slice
Cereal:	2		
Cold dry	$^{1}/_{4}$ cup or $^{1}/_{3}$ oz <sup>c</sup>	$^{1}/_{3} \text{ cup or } ^{1}/_{2} \text{ oz}^{\text{c}}$	$^{3}$ / <sub>4</sub> cup or 1 oz <sup>c</sup>
Hot cooked	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> cup total	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> cup	$^{1}/_{2}$ cup
LUNCH OR SUPPER			
1. Milk	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup	<sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> cup	1 cup
2. Meat or meat alternate:	7 <sub>2</sub> <b>cu</b> p	-	1 cup
Meat, poultry, fish, cheese	1 oz	$1+^{1}/_{2}$ oz	2 oz
Yogurt	$4 \text{ oz or}^{-1}/_{2} \text{ cup}$	$6 \text{ oz or }^3/_4 \text{ cup}$	8 oz or 1 cup
Egg	1 egg	1 egg	1 egg
Cooked dry beans or peas	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> cup	$^{3}/_{8} \operatorname{cup}$	$^{1}/_{2}$ cup
Peanut butter or other nut or seed butter	2 Tbsp	3 Tbsp	4 Tbsp
Peanuts or soynuts or tree nuts or seeds	$^{1}/_{2}$ oz = $50\%^{d}$	$^{3}/_{4}$ oz = $50\%^{d}$	$1 \text{ oz} = 50\%^{\text{d}}$
3. Vegetable and/or fruit <sup>e</sup> (at least two)	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> cup total	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup total	<sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> cup total
4. Grains/Breads: <sup>b</sup>	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> slice	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> slice	1 slice
SNACK			
Select two of the following four components:			
1. Milk	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup	1 cup
2. Juice <sup>a,f</sup> or fruit or vegetable	$^{1}/_{2}$ cup	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup	<sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> cup
3. Grains/Breads: <sup>b</sup>	2 1	2 1	- I
Bread	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> slice	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> slice	1 slice
Cereal:			
Cold dry	$^{1}/_{4} \text{ cup or } ^{1}/_{3} \text{ oz}^{\text{c}}$	$^{1}/_{3}$ cup or $^{1}/_{2}$ oz <sup>c</sup>	$^{3}/_{4}$ cup or 1 oz <sup>c</sup>
Hot cooked	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> cup	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> cup	$^{1}/_{2}$ cup
4. Meat or meat alternate:			
Meat, poultry, fish, cheese	$^{1}/_{2}$ oz	$^{1}/_{2}$ oz	1 oz
Egg	$^{1}/_{2}$ egg	$^{1}$ / $_{2}$ egg	1 egg
Cooked dry beans or peas	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> cup	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> cup	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> cup
Peanut butter or other nut or seed butter	1 Tbsp	1 Tbsp	2 Tbsp
Peanuts or soynuts or tree nuts or seeds	$^{1}/_{2}$ oz	$^{1}/_{2}$ oz	1 oz
Yogurt, plain, or sweetened and flavored	2 oz or <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> cup	2 oz or <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> cup	$4 \text{ oz or}^{-1}/_2 \text{ cup}$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Must be full strength fruit or vegetable juice.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Must be whole grain or enriched.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Either volume (cup) or weight (oz), whichever is less.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> No more than 50% of the requirement shall be met with nuts or seeds. Nuts and seeds shall be combined with another meat/meat alternate to fulfill the requirement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup> Serve 2 or more kinds of vegetable(s) and/or fruit(s). Full strength vegetable or fruit juice may be counted to meet not more than one-half of this requirement.