



Bite Size: Meeting the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

Meal Patterns for Children

Module 5: Fruits Component

Knowledge Check: Crediting Canned Fruits

The CACFP meal patterns for children require a limit for juice. Juice may credit as either the vegetables component or the fruits component at only one meal or snack per day. For each type of canned fruit listed below, check “Yes” or “No” to indicate if the $\frac{1}{2}$ -cup serving credits as $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of fruits component and if it counts toward juice limit.

Menu item	Credits as $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of fruits component?	Counts toward juice limit?	Explanation
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup of canned fruit in 100 percent juice	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup of canned fruit in water	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup of canned fruit in syrup	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup of drained canned fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

* Canned fruits in heavy syrup have a higher added sugar content than other types of canned fruits. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recommends choosing fruits canned in juice, water, or light syrup.

For more information on the juice requirements for the CACFP meal patterns, refer to the Connecticut State Department of Education’s (CSDE) resource, [Crediting Juice in the CACFP](#). For crediting information on the fruits component, visit the [Fruits Component for CACFP Child Care Programs](#) section of the CSDE’s Crediting Foods in CACFP Child Care Programs webpage.

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Bite Size is the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) training program for CACFP child care facilities, including child care and Head Start centers, at risk afterschool care centers, emergency shelters, and family day care homes. Bite Size is a series of recorded training modules that provide information on the meal pattern components and crediting requirements of the CACFP meal patterns for children. Each module provides key information in 45 minutes or less. To access the Bite Size training modules and resources, visit the CSDE's [Meal Patterns for CACFP Child Care Programs](#) webpage.

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