

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

Meal Patterns for Children

Module 6: Vegetables Component

Knowledge Check: Meal Pattern Requirements for Fruits and Vegetables at Lunch and Supper

The CACFP lunch and supper meal pattern for ages 3-5 requires ½ cup of the vegetables component and ½ cup of the fruits component. Do the planned servings for fruits and vegetables below meet the meal pattern requirements for ages 3-5 at lunch or supper?

Planned servings	Meets requirements?	Explanation
1/4 cup of red grapes 1/4 cup of peaches in fruit juice	□ Yes □ No	
1/4 cup of green beans 1/8 cup of dried fruit	□ Yes □ No	
1/4 cup of diced carrots 1/4 cup of green peas	□ Yes □ No	
1/4 cup of canned corn 1/4 cup of spinach salad	□ Yes □ No	

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Planned servings	Meets requirements?	Explanation
1/4 cup of cooked spinach 1/4 cup of mixed vegetables	□ Yes □ No	
1/4 cup of pureed strawberries in a smoothie 1/4 cup of vegetable juice	□ Yes □ No	
1/4 cup of orange juice 1/4 cup of mashed sweet potatoes	□ Yes □ No	
1/4 cup of broccoli florets 1/4 cup of broccoli florets	□ Yes □ No	
1/2 cup of carrot- raisin salad that contains 1/4 cup of shredded carrots and 1/8 cup of raisins	□ Yes □ No	

For more information on the CACFP meal pattern requirements for vegetables and fruits, visit the Vegetables Component for CACFP Child Care Programs section and the Fruits Component for CACFP Child Care Programs section of the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) Crediting Foods in CACFP Child Care Programs webpage.

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