

Sample Hot Lunch and Supper Menus for Adult Day Care Centers in the Child and Adult Care Food Program

This document provides guidance and sample hot lunch and supper menus for adult day care centers that participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). These sample menus are based on the CACFP adult meal patterns, including the updates required by the USDA final rule, [Child Nutrition Programs: Meal Patterns Consistent with the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans](#).

For information on the CACFP adult meal patterns, visit the [“CACFP Adult Meal Patterns”](#) section of the Connecticut State Department of Education’s (CSDE) Meal Patterns for the Child and Adult Care Food Program webpage. For information on the crediting requirements, visit the CSDE’s [Crediting Foods in the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#) webpage and [Crediting Documentation for the Child Nutrition Programs](#) webpage.



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Overview of Lunch and Supper Meal Pattern Requirements

The CACFP adult lunch and supper meal pattern requires minimum servings of five meal components, including 1 cup of low-fat (1%) or fat-free milk (unflavored or flavored); 2 ounce equivalents (oz eq) of meats/meat alternates, ½ cup of vegetables, ½ cup of fruits, and 2 oz eq of grains. Vegetables may substitute for the entire fruits component at any lunch or supper.

Each meal component must provide at least the minimum meal pattern serving. CACFP menus may include additional foods or larger servings beyond the minimum requirements. Serve nutrient-dense foods that are appropriate to participants' nutrition needs.

Menu planners should consider the meal pattern requirements and recommendations below when planning CACFP menus. For guidance on crediting foods, refer to the CSDE's [Crediting Summary Charts for the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#) and visit the CSDE's [Crediting Foods in the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#) webpage and [Crediting Documentation for the Child Nutrition Programs](#) webpage.

Meats/meat alternates (MMA) component

- The MMA must be served in the main dish or the main dish and one other food item.
- The serving size of MMA refers to the edible portion of cooked lean meat, poultry, or fish, e.g., cooked lean meat without bone, breading, binders, fillers, or other ingredients. Commercial processed products (such as combination entrees, deli meats, hot dogs, and sausages) require a Child Nutrition (CN) label or product formulation statement (PFS) to document crediting information. For more information, refer to the CSDE's resources, [Crediting Commercial Meat/Meat Alternate Products in the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#) and [Crediting Deli Meats in the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#).
- Beans, peas, and lentils credit as either the MMA component or the vegetables component but one serving cannot credit as both meal components in the same meal. For more information, refer to the CSDE's resource, [Crediting Beans, Peas, and Lentils in the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#).
- Nut and seed butters credit by volume (tablespoons) not weight. For more information, refer to the CSDE's resource, [Crediting Nuts and Seeds in the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#).

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- Yogurt and soy yogurt cannot exceed 12 grams of added sugars per 6 ounces (no more than 2 grams of added sugars per ounce). For more information, refer to the CSDE's resource, [Crediting Yogurt in the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#).
- The USDA's [CACFP best practices](#) recommend serving only lean meats, nuts, and beans, peas, and lentils; limiting processed meats to one serving per week; and serving only low-fat or reduced-fat natural cheese.

For more information, visit the "[Meats and Meat Alternates](#)" section of the CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Child and Adult Care Food Program webpage.

Fruits component and vegetables component

- Vegetables may substitute for the entire fruits component at any lunch or supper. The two vegetable servings must be different kinds.
- Dried fruits credit as twice the volume served. For example, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of raisins credits as $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of the fruits component.
- Raw leafy greens such as lettuce or spinach credit as half the volume served. For example, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of lettuce credits as $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of the vegetables component.
- Pasteurized full-strength juice credits as either the vegetables component or fruits component at only one meal or snack per day. The juice limit includes fruit and vegetable juice, frozen pops made from 100 percent juice, and pureed fruits and vegetables in smoothies. Before planning juice at snack, make sure that the other daily meals and snacks do not contain juice. For more information, refer to the CSDE's resources, [Crediting Juices in the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#) and [Crediting Smoothies in the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#).
- The USDA's [CACFP best practices](#) recommend serving whole fruits (fresh, frozen, canned, and dried) more often than juice.

For more information, visit the "[Fruits](#)" section and the "[Vegetables](#)" section of the CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Child and Adult Care Food Program webpage.

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Grains component

- At least one serving of grains per day must be whole grain-rich (WGR). The USDA's [CACFP best practices](#) recommend at least two servings of WGR grains per day. To meet the CACFP WGR criteria, foods must contain at least 50 percent whole grains and the remaining grain ingredients must be enriched, bran, or germ. For more information, refer to the CSDE's [Guide to Meeting the Whole Grain-rich Requirement for the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#) and visit "[Whole Grain-rich Requirement](#)" in the "Grains" section of the CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Child and Adult Care Food Program webpage.
- To credit as the required oz eq, the serving of grain products and recipes must provide either: 1) the required serving weight (groups A-E) or volume (groups H-I) in the USDA's Exhibit A chart (refer to the CSDE's resources, [Grain Ounce Equivalents Chart for the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#) and [How to Use the Grain Ounce Equivalents Chart for the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#)); or 2) the minimum creditable grains per serving (refer to the CSDE's resources, [Calculation Methods for Grains Ounce Equivalents for the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#) and [When Commercial Grain Products Require a Product Formulation Statement to Credit in the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#)). For more information, visit "[Serving Requirements](#)" in the "Grains" section of the CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Child and Adult Care Food Program webpage.
- Grain-based desserts do not credit. Examples include cookies, piecrusts in sweet pies, doughnuts, cereal bars, granola bars, sweet rolls, pastries, toaster pastries, cake, and brownies. Sweet crackers (such as graham crackers and animal crackers) are allowed but the CSDE recommends limiting them to no more than twice per week between all meals and snacks. For more information, visit the USDA's [Grain-based Desserts in the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#) webpage,
- Breakfast cereals must be WGR, enriched, or fortified and cannot exceed 6 grams of added sugars per dry ounce. For more information, refer to the CSDE's resources, [Crediting Breakfast Cereals in the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#), [Worksheet for Crediting Cooked Breakfast Cereals in the CACFP](#), and [Worksheet for Crediting Ready-to-eat \(RTE\) Breakfast Cereals in the CACFP](#).

For more information, visit the "[Grains](#)" section of the CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Child and Adult Care Food Program webpage.

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Milk component

- The CACFP adult meal patterns require low-fat (1%) or fat-free milk, either unflavored or flavored. The USDA's [CACFP best practices](#) recommend serving only unflavored milk.
- Milk is required at lunch and is optional at supper.

For more information, visit the "[Milk](#)" section of the CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Child and Adult Care Food Program webpage.

Noncreditable foods

Noncreditable foods are foods and beverages that do not count toward the meal components for reimbursable meals and snacks in the CACFP meal patterns. They include:

- foods and beverages served in amounts too small to credit, i.e., less than $\frac{1}{4}$ oz eq for the grains component and MMA component and less than $\frac{1}{8}$ cup for the fruits component and vegetables component; and
- foods and beverages that do not belong to any meal component, such as potato chips, pudding, ice cream, gelatin, cream cheese, bacon, condiments (e.g., syrup, jam, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, and butter), and water.

CACFP adult day care centers may serve certain noncreditable foods in addition to the meal components to add variety, help improve acceptability of meals and snacks, and satisfy appetites. Examples include maple syrup on pancakes, salad dressing on tossed greens, and condiments such as ketchup or mustard on sandwiches and other entrees.

CACFP funds cannot be used to purchase noncreditable foods, except for condiments served with creditable foods, and herbs and spices used to prepare and enhance the flavor of meals. For example, CACFP funds cannot be used to purchase grain-based desserts, gelatin, pudding, or canned cream soups. For more information, refer to the CSDE's resource, [Noncreditable Foods in the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#).

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Required Crediting Documentation

CACFP adult day care centers must be able to document that CACFP menus provide the minimum portion of each required meal component. Menu planners must use the USDA's [Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs](#) (FBG) to determine how foods credit and the amount that provides the required meal pattern serving.

Commercial processed foods not listed in the FBG require a Child Nutrition (CN) label or product formulation statement (PFS) to document crediting information. The USDA requires that CACFP adult day care centers must verify PFS forms for accuracy prior to purchasing, serving, and claiming the product in reimbursable meals and snacks. For information on crediting documentation for processed foods, refer to the CSDE's resources, [Using Child Nutrition \(CN\) Labels in the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#), [Using Product Formulation Statements in the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#), and [Accepting Processed Product Documentation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#).

Foods made from scratch require a recipe that documents the crediting information per serving. The USDA recommends using standardized recipes because they ensure accurate meal component contributions and document that menus meet the meal pattern requirements. The USDA defines a standardized recipe as one that has been tried, adapted, and retried at least three times and has been found to produce the same good results and yield every time when the exact procedures are used with the same type of equipment and the same quantity and quality of ingredients.

For information on standardized recipes, refer to the Institute of Child Nutrition's [Recipe Standardization Guide for the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#) and visit the "[Standardized Recipes](#)" section of the CSDE's Crediting Documentation for the Child Nutrition Programs webpage.

Additional guidance is available on the CSDE's [Crediting Documentation for the Child Nutrition Programs](#) webpage. Training on the requirements for CN labels and PFS forms is available in Module 8: Meal Pattern Documentation for Crediting Commercial Processed Products, of the CSDE's training program, [What's in a Meal: Meal Patterns for Grades K-12 in the School Nutrition Programs](#).

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Sample Lunch and Supper Menus

This section contains six sample hot lunch and supper menus. The servings in each menu meet at least the minimum requirements of the CACFP adult meal patterns and are indicated after each menu item.

Notes for the numbers indicated after some menu items are located at the end of the sample menus (refer to "[Menu Planning Notes](#)" in this document).

The CSDE's sample menus are intended for informational purposes and do not guarantee compliance with the CACFP adult meal patterns. Crediting information for local menus will vary depending on the types of foods purchased by the adult day care center, and the recipes and preparation techniques used by CACFP staff. Adult day care centers are responsible for ensuring that their menus meet the CACFP adult meal patterns and maintaining appropriate crediting documentation on file (refer to "[Required Crediting Documentation](#)" in this document).

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Week 1

Day 1

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup | Milk component, 1 cup |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Macaroni and cheese</i> ¹:
Cheddar cheese, 2 ounces
Enriched macaroni, 1 cup | MMA component, 2 oz eq
Grains component, 2 oz eq |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tossed salad</i>:
Lettuce, 1 cup ²
Tomatoes and carrots, 1/8 cup
Low-fat Italian dressing, 1 tablespoon | Vegetables component, 1/2 cup
Vegetables component, 1/8 cup
None |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orange slices, 1/2 cup | Fruits component, 1/2 cup |

Day 2

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup | Milk component, 1 cup |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baked ham, 2 ounces ³ | MMA component, 2 oz eq |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole-wheat roll WGR, 2 ounces | Grains component, 2 oz eq |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mashed sweet potato, 1/2 cup | Vegetables component, 1/2 cup |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steamed broccoli, 1/2 cup Vegetable substitution | Fruits component, 1/2 cup |

Day 3

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup | Milk component, 1 cup |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roasted herbed chicken, 2 ounces | MMA component, 2 oz eq |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brown rice WGR, 1/2 cup | Grains component, 1 oz eq |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enriched dinner roll, 1 ounce | Grains component, 1 oz eq |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green beans, 1/8 cup | Vegetables component, 1/8 cup |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roasted red potatoes, 1/8 cup | Vegetables component, 1/8 cup |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixed berries, 1/2 cup | Fruits component, 1/2 cup |

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Week 1, continued

Meal Pattern Contribution

Day 4

- Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup
- Black bean soup, ½ cup beans ¹
- Whole-grain crackers **WGR**, 2 ounces
- Spinach salad, 1 cup ²
- Low-fat salad dressing, 1 tablespoon
- Mandarin oranges, ¼ cup
- Mango slices, ¼ cup

Milk component, 1 cup
 MMA component, 2 oz eq
 Grains component, 2 oz eq
 Vegetables component, ½ cup
 None
 Fruits component, ¼ cup
 Fruits component, ¼ cup

Day 5

- Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup
- Hamburger, 2 ounces cooked
 Whole-wheat bun **WGR**, 2 ounces
 Ketchup or mustard, 1 tablespoon
- Mixed vegetables, ½ cup
- Sliced cantaloupe, ½ cup

Milk component, 1 cup
 MMA component, 2 oz eq
 Grains component, 2 oz eq
 None
 Vegetables component, ½ cup
 Fruits component, ½ cup

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Week 2

Day 1

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup • <i>Taco salad:</i>
Seasoned ground beef, 2 ounces cooked
Shredded cheese, ¼ ounce
Shredded lettuce, 1 cup ²
Corn niblets, ⅛ cup
Whole-corn tortilla WGR, 2 ounces • Pineapple chunks, ½ cup | <p>Milk component, 1 cup</p> <p>MMA component, 2 oz eq
MMA component, ¼ oz eq
Vegetables component, ½ cup
Vegetables component, ⅛ cup
Grains component, 2 oz eq
Fruits component, ½ cup</p> |
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Day 2

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup • <i>Toasted cheese sandwich:</i>
American cheese, 2 ounces
Whole-wheat bread WGR, 2 ounces • Vegetable soup, ¼ cup vegetables ¹ • Roasted kale, ¼ cup • Sliced kiwi, ½ cup | <p>Milk component, 1 cup</p> <p>MMA component, 1 oz eq
Grains component, 2 oz eq
Vegetables component, ¼ cup
Vegetables component, ¼ cup
Fruits component, ½ cup</p> |
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Day 3

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup • <i>Vegetable chili:</i>
Black beans and kidney beans, ½ cup
Tomato sauce, ½ cup • Enriched cornbread, 4 ounces • Baked sweet potato wedges, ½ cup • Watermelon chunks, ½ cup | <p>Milk component, 1 cup</p> <p>MMA component, 2 oz eq
Vegetables component, ½ cup
Grains component, 2 oz eq
Vegetables component, ½ cup
Fruits component, ½ cup</p> |
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Week 2, continued

Meal Pattern Contribution

Day 4

- Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup
- Baked chicken, 2 ounces
- Herbed quinoa **WGR**, ½ cup
- Dinner roll, 1 ounce
- Mashed butternut squash, ½ cup
- Snap peas, ½ cup **Vegetable substitution**

Milk component, 1 cup
 MMA component, 2 oz eq
 Grains component, 1 oz eq
 Grains component, 1 oz eq
 Vegetables component, ½ cup
 Fruits component, ½ cup

Day 5

- Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup
- Crunchy coated baked fish, 2 ounces fish ¹
- Enriched couscous, 1 cup
- Steamed broccoli florets, ½ cup
- Mashed butternut squash, ½ cup
Vegetable substitution

Milk component, 1 cup
 MMA component, 2 oz eq
 Grains component, 2 oz eq
 Vegetables component, ½ cup

 Fruits component, ½ cup

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Week 3

Day 1

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup • <i>Cheese quesadilla triangles:</i>
Monterey jack cheese, 2 ounces
Whole-wheat tortilla WGR, 2 ounces • Vegetable salsa, ½ cup • Mandarin oranges, ½ cup | <p>Milk component, 1 cup</p> <p>MMA component, 2 oz eq
Grains component, 2 oz eq
Vegetables component, ½ cup
Fruits component, ½ cup</p> |
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Day 2

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup • Roast beef, 2 ounces • Mashed potatoes, ½ cup • Gravy, 1 tablespoon • Steamed carrots, ½ cup • Enriched golden cornbread, 4 ounces • Sliced peaches, ½ cup | <p>Milk component, 1 cup</p> <p>MMA component, 2 oz eq
Vegetables component, ½ cup
None
Vegetables component, ½ cup
Grains component, 2 oz eq
Fruits component, ½ cup</p> |
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Day 3

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup • Lentil soup, ½ cup lentils ¹ • Red and green pepper strips, ½ cup • Whole-grain crackers WGR, 2 ounces • Diced nectarines, ½ cup | <p>Milk component, 1 cup</p> <p>MMA component, 2 oz eq
Vegetables component, ½ cup
Grains component, 2 oz eq
Fruits component, ½ cup</p> |
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Day 4

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup • <i>Chicken veggie stir-fry</i> ¹:
Cooked chicken, 2 ounces
Carrots, celery, peppers, and broccoli, ½ cup • Brown rice WGR, 1 cup • Pineapple tidbits, ½ cup | <p>Milk component, 1 cup</p> <p>MMA component, 2 oz eq
Vegetables component, ½ cup
Grains component, 2 oz eq
Fruits component, ½ cup</p> |
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Week 3, continued

Meal Pattern Contribution

Day 5

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup • <i>Spaghetti with meat sauce</i>¹: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooked ground beef, 2 ounces Tomato sauce, ½ cup Whole-wheat spaghetti WGR, 1 cup Grated parmesan cheese, 2 teaspoons • Cucumber-tomato salad, ½ cup • Sliced fresh pears, ½ cup | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milk component, 1 cup MMA component, 2 oz eq Vegetables component, ½ cup Grains component, ½ cup None (additional food) Vegetables component, ½ cup Fruits component, ½ cup |
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Week 4

Day 1

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup • <i>Toasted ham and cheese sandwich:</i>
Ham, 1½ ounces ³
Cheese, 1 ounce
Whole-wheat bread WGR, 2 ounces • Sweet potato wedges, ½ cup • Sliced kiwi, ½ cup | <p>Milk component, 1 cup</p> <p>MMA component, 1 oz eq
MMA component, 1 oz eq
Grains component, 2 oz eq
Vegetables component, ½ cup
Fruits component, ½ cup</p> |
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Day 2

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup • <i>Chicken enchilada</i> ¹:
Cooked chicken, 2 ounces
Cheddar cheese, ¼ ounce
Whole-corn tortilla WGR, 1 ounce • Enriched Spanish rice, ½ cup • Mashed avocado, ¼ cup • Vegetable salsa, ¼ cup • Fruit salad, ½ cup | <p>Milk component, 1 cup</p> <p>MMA component, 2 oz eq
MMA component, ¼ oz eq
Grains component, 1 oz eq
Grains component, 1 oz eq
Vegetables component, ¼ cup
Vegetables component, ¼ cup
Fruits component, ½ cup</p> |
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Day 3

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup • <i>Broccoli quiche</i> ¹:
Egg, ½ large
Swiss cheese, 2 ounces
Broccoli, ½ cup
Enriched pie crust, 1.2 ounces • Whole grain-roll WGR, 1 ounce • Sliced strawberries, ½ cup | <p>Milk component, 1 cup</p> <p>MMA component, 1 oz eq
MMA component, ½ oz eq
Vegetables component, ½ cup
Grains component, 1 oz eq
Grains component, 1 oz eq
Fruits component, ½ cup</p> |
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Week 4, continued

Meal Pattern Contribution

Day 4

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup • Roast turkey, 2 ounces • Stuffing: Whole-grain bread WGR, 1 ounce • Whole-wheat roll WGR, 1 ounce • Green peas, ½ cup • Mashed potatoes, ½ cup Vegetable substitution | <p>Milk component, 1 cup
 MMA component, 2 oz eq
 Grains component, 1 oz eq
 Grains component, 1 oz eq
 Vegetables component, ½ cup
 Fruits component, ½ cup</p> |
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Day 5

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup • <i>English muffin pizza</i> ¹:
 Low-fat mozzarella cheese, 2 ounces
 Pizza sauce, ¼ cup
 Whole-grain English muffin WGR, 2 ounces • Salad greens, 1 cup ³ • Salad dressing, 1 tablespoon • Slice green grapes, ½ cup | <p>Milk component, 1 cup

 MMA component, 2 oz eq
 Vegetables component, ¼ cup
 Grains component, 2 oz eq
 Vegetables component, ½ cup
 None
 Fruits component, ½ cup</p> |
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Week 5

Day 1

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup • Oven-fried chicken, 2 ounces chicken • Quinoa pilaf WGR, ½ cup • Toasted enriched garlic bread, 1 ounce • Roasted rosemary potatoes, ½ cup • Green peas, ½ cup Vegetable substitution | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milk component, 1 cup MMA component, 2 oz eq Grains component, 1 oz eq Grains component, 1 oz eq Vegetables component, ½ cup Fruits component, ½ cup |
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Day 2

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup • <i>Red beans and rice</i> ¹:
Red beans, ½ cup
Enriched white rice, 1 cup • <i>Mixed garden salad</i>:
Lettuce, 1 cup ²
Carrots, tomatoes, and cucumbers, ⅛ cup
Italian dressing, 1 tablespoon • Sliced mangos, ½ cup | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milk component, 1 cup MMA component, 2 oz eq Grains component, 2 oz eq Vegetables component, ½ cup Vegetables component, ⅛ cup None Fruits component, ½ cup |
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Day 3

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup • Meatloaf, 2 ounces cooked beef ¹ • Enriched egg noodles, ½ cup • Whole-grain bread WGR, 1 ounce • Orange-glazed carrots, ½ cup • Green beans, ¼ cup • Red apple slices, ½ cup | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milk component, 1 cup MMA component, 2 oz eq ¹ Grains component, 1 oz eq Grains component, 1 oz eq Vegetables component, ½ cup Vegetables component, ¼ cup Fruits component, ½ cup |
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Week 5, continued

Meal Pattern Contribution

Day 4

- Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup
- Barbecued pork, 2 ounces cooked pork
- Toasted whole-wheat bun **WGR**, 2 ounces
- Snap peas, ¼ cup
- Corn niblets, ¼ cup
- Sliced green grapes, ½ cup

Milk component, 1 cup
 MMA component, 2 oz eq
 Grains component, 2 oz eq
 Vegetables component, ¼ cup
 Vegetables component, ¼ cup
 Fruits component, ½ cup

Day 5

- Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup
- *Fish taco* ¹:
 Cooked fish, 2 ounces
 Shredded cheese, ⅛ ounce
 Whole-corn tortilla **WGR**, 2 ounces
 Shredded lettuce, ½ cup ²
 Diced tomatoes, ¼ cup
- Fresh plum, ½ cup

Milk component, 1 cup

 MMA component, 2 oz eq
 MMA component, ⅛ oz eq
 Grains component, 2 oz eq
 Vegetables component, ¼ cup
 Vegetables component, ¼ cup
 Fruits component, ½ cup

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Week 6

Day 1

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup • <i>Beef stew</i>¹: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooked beef, 2 ounces Carrots, potatoes, and peas, ½ cup • Brown rice WGR, 1 cup • Applesauce, ½ cup | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milk component, 1 cup MMA component, 2 oz eq Vegetables component, ½ cup Grains component, 2 oz eq Fruits component, ½ cup |
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Day 2

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup • Barbecue chicken, 2 ounces • Bulgar pilaf, ½ cup • Enriched dinner roll, 1 ounce • Roasted zucchini and summer squash, ½ cup • Fresh peach slices, ½ cup | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milk component, 1 cup MMA component, 2 oz eq Grains component, 1 oz eq Grains component, 1 oz eq Vegetables component, ½ cup Fruits component, ½ cup |
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Day 3

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup • <i>Veggie pizza</i>¹: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mozzarella cheese, 2 ounces Pizza sauce, ¼ cup Tomatoes, green peppers, and mushrooms, ¼ cup Enriched pizza crust, 2 ounces • Mixed baby greens, 1 cup² Vegetable substitution • Salad dressing, 1 tablespoon | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milk component, 1 cup MMA component, 2 oz eq Vegetables component, ¼ cup Vegetables component, ¼ cup Grains component, 2 oz eq Vegetables component, ½ cup None |
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Week 6, continued

Meal Pattern Contribution

Day 4

- Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup
- *Tuna noodle casserole* ¹:
Tuna fish, 2 ounces
Peas and carrots, 1/8 cup
Enriched egg noodles, 1/2 cup
- Whole-wheat bread, 1 ounce
- Steamed broccoli, 1/2 cup
- Watermelon, 1/2 cup

Milk component, 1 cup

MMA component, 2 oz eq
Vegetables component, 1/8 cup
Grains component, 1 oz eq
Grains component, 1 oz eq
Vegetables component, 1/2 cup
Fruits component, 1/2 cup

Day 5

- Unflavored low-fat milk, 1 cup
- *Turkey sloppy joe* ¹:
Cooked ground turkey, 2 ounces
Tomato sauce, 1/4 cup
Toasted whole-wheat bun **WGR**, 2 ounces
- Red cabbage slaw, 1/2 cup cabbage and carrots
- Steamed edamame, 1/2 cup
- Honeydew melon, 1/2 cup

Milk component, 1 cup

MMA component, 2 oz eq
Vegetables component, 1/4 cup
Grains component, 2 oz eq
Vegetables component, 1/2 cup
Vegetables component, 1/2 cup
Fruits component, 1/2 cup

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Menu Planning Notes

- ¹ The meal pattern contribution per serving must be documented with a Child Nutrition (CN) label or PFS for commercial products and a recipe for foods made from scratch. For more information, refer to the CSDE's resources, [Using Child Nutrition \(CN\) Labels in the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#) and [Using Product Formulation Statements in the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#), and visit the "[Standardized Recipes](#)" section of the CSDE's Crediting Documentation for the Child Nutrition Programs webpage.
- ² Raw leafy greens credit as half the volume served.
- ³ The oz eq of MMA per serving is different for each type of deli meat or other meat product with binders, fillers, or extenders. This meal pattern contribution is an example. CACFP sponsors must determine the product's oz eq of MMA per serving based on the USDA's [Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs](#) (if the deli meat is listed) or the manufacturer's specific crediting documentation for each product. Deli meats with added liquids, binders, or extenders require a PFS to credit toward the MMA component. For more information, refer to the CSDE's resource, [Crediting Deli Meats in the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#).

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Resources

[Crediting Documentation for the Child Nutrition Programs](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-documentation-for-the-child-nutrition-programs) (CSDE webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-documentation-for-the-child-nutrition-programs>

[Crediting Foods in the Child and Adult Care Food Program](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-child-and-adult-care-food-program) (CSDE webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-child-and-adult-care-food-program>

[Crediting Summary Charts for the Child and Adult Care Food Program](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/crediting_summary_charts_cacfp.pdf) (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/crediting_summary_charts_cacfp.pdf

[Cycle Menus for Child Care: Preschoolers](https://theicn.org/resources/1575/cycle-menus-for-child-care-preschoolers/118740/cycle-menus-for-child-care-preschoolers.pdf) (Institute of Child Nutrition):

<https://theicn.org/resources/1575/cycle-menus-for-child-care-preschoolers/118740/cycle-menus-for-child-care-preschoolers.pdf>

[Lunch and Supper](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/meal-patterns-for-the-child-and-adult-care-food-program/menu-planning#LunchSupper) (“Menu Planning” section of CSDE’s Meal Patterns for the Child and Adult Care Food Program webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/meal-patterns-for-the-child-and-adult-care-food-program/menu-planning#LunchSupper>

[Meal Patterns for the Child and Adult Care Food Program](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/meal-patterns-for-the-child-and-adult-care-food-program) (CSDE webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/meal-patterns-for-the-child-and-adult-care-food-program>

[Menu Planning](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/meal-patterns-for-the-child-and-adult-care-food-program/menu-planning) (CSDE’s Meal Patterns for the Child and Adult Care Food Program webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/meal-patterns-for-the-child-and-adult-care-food-program/menu-planning>

[Menu Planning Basics: A Guide for CACFP Operators in Child Care](https://theicn.org/icn-resources-a-z/menu-planning-basics-cacfp) (Institute of Child Nutrition):

<https://theicn.org/icn-resources-a-z/menu-planning-basics-cacfp>

[Recipes for Child Nutrition Programs](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/menu-planning/recipes-for-child-nutrition-programs) (CSDE’s Menu Planning for Child Nutrition Programs webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/menu-planning/recipes-for-child-nutrition-programs>

[Resources for the Child and Adult Care Food Program Meal Patterns](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/mealpattern/resources_cacfp_meal_patterns.pdf) (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/mealpattern/resources_cacfp_meal_patterns.pdf

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For more information, visit the CSDE's [Meal Patterns for the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#) webpage and [Crediting Foods in the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#) webpage or contact the [CACFP staff](#) at the Connecticut State Department of Education, Bureau of Child Nutrition Programs, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 504, Hartford, CT 06103-1841. This document is available at https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/mealpattern/menu_cacfp_lunch_supper_hot.pdf.



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