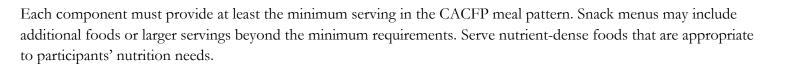
This document provides guidance and sample snack menus for adult day care centers that participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) CACFP. The specified servings meet or exceed the requirements of the *CACFP Meal Patterns for Adults* and are indicated in parentheses after each menu item.

The CACFP snack meal pattern for adults requires any two of the five components: 1 cup of unflavored low-fat (1%), unflavored fat-free milk, or flavored fat-free milk; 1 ounce of meat/meat alternates; ½ cup of vegetables; ½ cup of fruits; and 1 ounce equivalent (oz eq) of grains. Only one of the two snack components may be a creditable beverage such as milk or juice.



For detailed guidance on the CACFP adult meal patterns, refer to the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) guide, *Meal Pattern Requirements* for CACFP Adult Day Care Centers. For additional resources, refer to the CSDE's Resources for the CACFP Meal Patterns and visit the CSDE's Meal Patterns for CACFP Adult Care Centers webpage.

#### Menu Planning Considerations for Snack

Consider the meal pattern requirements and recommendations below when planning CACFP snack menus. For detailed guidance on crediting foods, refer to the CSDE's *Crediting Summary Charts for CACFP Adult Meal Patterns* and visit the CSDE's Crediting Foods in CACFP Adult Day Care Centers webpage

• Meat/meat alternates: The serving refers to the edible portion of cooked lean meat, poultry, or fish as served, e.g., cooked lean meat without bone, breading, binders, extenders, or other ingredients. Nut and seed butters credit by volume (tablespoons) not weight. Yogurt cannot exceed 23 grams of total sugars per 6 ounces (3.83 grams per ounce). Commercial meat products with binders and extenders (such as deli meats, hot dogs, and sausage) and commercial combination foods (such as pizza and chicken nuggets) require a Child Nutrition (CN) label or product formulation statement (PFS) to determine crediting information. For more information on crediting meat/meat alternates, refer to the CSDE's resources, *Crediting Deli Meats in the CACFP* and *Crediting Commercial Meat/Meat Alternate Products in the CACFP*, and visit the "Meat/Meat Alternates Component" section of the CSDE's Crediting Foods in CACFP Child Care Programs webpage. The USDA's *CACFP Best Practices* recommends serving only lean meats, nuts, and legumes; limiting processed meats to one serving per week; and serving only low-fat or reduced-fat natural cheese.



- Fruits and vegetables: Before planning juice at snack, check that the other meals and snacks that same day do not include juice. Pasteurized full-strength juice (including fruit and vegetable juice, frozen pops made from 100 percent juice, pureed fruits and vegetables in smoothies, and juice from canned fruit in 100 percent juice) credits as either the vegetables component or fruits component at only one meal or snack per day. The USDA's *CACFP Best Practices* recommends serving a vegetable or fruit for at least one of the two required snack components. For more information, refer to the CSDE's resources, *Crediting Juice in the CACFP* and *Crediting Smoothies in the CACFP*. Dried fruit credits as twice the volume served, e.g., <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup of raisins credits as <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup of the fruits component. Raw leafy greens such as lettuce or spinach credit as half the volume served, e.g., <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup of raw leafy greens credits as <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup of the vegetables component. For more information on crediting fruits and vegetables, visit the "Fruits Component" section and the "Vegetables Component" section of the CSDE's Crediting Foods in CACFP Adult Day Care Centers webpage.
- Grains: Grain products and recipes must be made with creditable grains (whole grains, enriched grains, bran, and germ). At least one serving of grains per day must be whole-grain rich (WGR). The USDA's *CACFP Best Practices* recommends at least two servings of WGR grains per day. Cooked and ready-to-eat (RTE) breakfast cereals cannot exceed 6 grams of sugars per dry ounce. For more information, refer to the CSDE's resources, *How to Identify Creditable Grains in the CACFP, Crediting Breakfast Cereals in the CACFP, Crediting Whole Grains in the CACFP, Crediting Enriched Grains in the CACFP and Meeting the Whole Grain-rich Requirement for the CACFP. Grains must meet the required weights (groups A-E) or volumes (groups H-I) in <i>Grain Ounce Equivalents for the CACFP* or provide the minimum creditable grains per serving. For more information, refer to the CSDE's resources, *Calculation Methods for Grains Ounce Equivalents for the CACFP* and *How to Use the Ounce Equivalents Chart for the CACFP*. Grain-based desserts (such as cookies, doughnuts, cereal bars, granola bars, pastries, cake, and brownies) do not credit. The CSDE recommends limiting sweet crackers (graham crackers and animal crackers) to no more than twice per week between all meals and snacks. For more information, visit the USDA's webpage, Grain-based Desserts in the CACFP. For more information on crediting grains, visit the "Grains Component" section of the CSDE's Crediting Foods in CACFP Adult Day Care Centers webpage.
- Noncreditable foods: Noncreditable foods cannot be served in place of the required components. Examples of noncreditable foods include potato chips, pudding, ice cream, gelatin, cream cheese, bacon, condiments (e.g., syrup, jam, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, and butter), and water. For more information, refer to the CSDE's resource, *Noncreditable Foods in CACFP Adult Day Care Centers*.
- Water: The USDA recommends serving water when snacks do not include milk or juice. Water does not credit in the CACFP adult meal patterns and cannot be offered in place of the required food components.

#### **Crediting Documentation**

CACFP adult day care centers must be able to document that snack menus provide the required food components and quantities. Use the USDA's *Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs* (FBG) to determine the amount of purchased food that meets the required serving for each meal pattern component. Commercial processed foods not listed in the FBG require a CN label or PFS to document crediting information. For more information, refer to the CSDE's resources, *Using Child Nutrition (CN) Labels in the CACFP, Using Product Formulation Statements in the CACFP,* and *Accepting Processed Product Documentation in the CACFP,* and visit the "Crediting Commercial Processed Products" section of the CSDE's Crediting Foods in CACFP Adult Day Care Centers Programs webpage.

Foods made from scratch must have a recipe that documents the crediting information per serving. For more information, visit the "Crediting Foods Made from Scratch" section of the CSDE's Crediting Foods in CACFP Adult Day Care Centers Programs webpage.

#### **Abbreviations for Sample Menus**

$\mathbf{M} = Milk component$	<b>WGR</b> = Whole grain-rich	$\mathbf{c} = \operatorname{cup}$
<b>MMA</b> = Meat/meat alternates	Not credited:	$\mathbf{Tbsp} = tablespoon$
$\mathbf{V} = $ Vegetables component	$\mathbf{A}$ = Additional creditable food (not full serving)	<b>tsp</b> = teaspoon
<b>F</b> = Fruits component	$\mathbf{O}$ = Other food (noncreditable)	$\mathbf{oz} = $ ounce
$\mathbf{G} = \text{Grains component}$		<b>oz eq</b> = ounce equivalent

**Note:** 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 CACFP adult day care center and the recipes and preparation techniques used. CACFP 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 "Crediting Documentation" above).

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Μ					
	1 cup					
	MMA		Yogurt and fruit parfait:			Ham $(\frac{1}{2} \text{ oz})$ and cheese
	1 oz		Low-fat vanilla yogurt			( <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> oz) roll-up
			( <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> c)			
	V			Cucumber slices (1/2 c)	Vegetable soup (½ cup	
	¹∕₂ cup				vegetables)	
Week 1	F		Sliced strawberries (1/4 c)		Cantaloupe chunks (½ c)	
Wee	¹⁄₂ cup		Blueberries (1/4 c)			
-	G	Enriched corn muffin		Whole-grain crackers (1 oz)		Whole-corn tortilla (1 oz)
	1 oz eq	(1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> oz)		WGR		WGR
	Α		Whole-grain granola			Shredded lettuce (½ c)
			(2 Tbsp) WGR			
	0	Water	Water	Low-fat dip (1 Tbsp)	Water	Mustard (1 tsp) or low-fat
				Water		mayonnaise (1 tsp)
						Water
	Μ					
	1 cup					
	MMA	Diced turkey (1 oz)		Sunflower butter (2 Tbsp)	Hummus (¼ c chickpeas)	
	1 oz				pita with shredded carrots	
	V	Tossed salad: Lettuce	Sliced avocado ( $\frac{1}{2}$ c)			Cucumber slices $(\frac{1}{4} c)$
	¹⁄₂ cup	$(\frac{1}{2} c)$ with tomatoes and				Carrot slices (1/4 c)
ζ2		cucumbers (¼ c)				
Week (	F			Apple slices $(1/2 c)$		
M	¹∕₂ cup					
	G		Whole-wheat toast (1 oz)		Whole-wheat pita (1 oz)	Enriched pretzels (1 oz)
	1 oz eq		WGR		WGR	
	Α	Enriched croutons (1/4 oz)			Shredded carrots (1/8 c)	
	0	Low-fat dressing (1 Tbsp)	Water	Water	Water	Low-fat dip (1 Tbsp)
		Water				Water

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Μ				Unflavored low-fat milk	
	1 cup				(1 c)	
	MMA		Low-fat cottage cheese	Tortilla wrap: Refried beans		
	1 oz		( <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> c)	(1/4 c) and shredded cheese		
				(1/8  OZ)		
	V				Carrot-pineapple-raisin	Roasted cauliflower bites
~	¹⁄₂ cup				salad: Shredded carrots	( <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> C)
ek					(½ cup)	
Week 3	F	Mixed berries (1/2 c)	Canned apricots in juice			Honeydew melon (½ c)
	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup		( <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> C)			
	G	Soft whole-grain pretzel		Whole-grain tortilla (1 oz)		
	1oz eq	(1 oz) <b>WGR</b>		WGR		
	Α			Diced tomato (1/8 c)	Crushed pineapple ( <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> cup)	
					Raisins (1 tsp)	
	0	Water	Water	Water		Low-fat dip (1 oz)
						Water
	Μ					
	1 cup					
	MMA	Part-skim Mozzarella	Ants on a log:		Pasta veggie salad:	
	1 oz	cheese stick (1 oz)	Peanut butter (2 Tbsp)		Ham (1 oz)	
	V		Carrot sticks (¼ c)	Corn and black bean salad		
	¹∕₂ cup		Celery sticks (¼ c)	( <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> C)		
Week 4	F	Red grapes (1/2 c)				Sliced kiwi (1/2 c)
/eel	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup					
×	G			Whole-grain pita chips	Enriched rotini pasta (1/2 c)	Whole-grain cornbread
	1 oz eq			(1 oz)		(1 oz) <b>WGR</b>
	Α		Raisins (1 Tbsp)		Diced vegetables:	
					Carrots, broccoli, and	
	_				tomatoes (¼ c)	
	0	Low-fat dressing (1 Tbsp)	Water	Water	Water	Water
		Water				

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	<b>M</b> 1 cup					
	MMA 1 oz	Low-fat cottage cheese $(^{1}/_{4} c)$	Peanut butter (2 Tbsp)		Fruit and yogurt smoothie: Yogurt (½ c)	
	<b>V</b> <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup		Carrot sticks (½ c)			
ek 5	<b>F</b> <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup			Diced papaya (½ c)	Pureed strawberries (1/2 c)	Sliced green grapes (½ c)
Week	<b>G</b> 1 oz eq	Whole-grain puffed cereal (¾ c) <b>WGR</b>		Trail mix: Whole-grain cereal rounds ( <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> c) <b>WGR</b> , enriched pretzels (1 oz), and dried fruit		Enriched pretzel sticks (1 oz)
	Α	Crushed pineapple in juice (1 Tbsp)		Peanuts (½ Tbsp) Dried fruit (½ Tbsp)		
	0	Water	Water	Water	Water	Water
	<b>М</b> 1 сир				Unflavored low-fat milk $(\frac{1}{2} c)$	
	MMA 1 oz			Low-fat Greek yogurt (½ c)	Almond butter (2 Tbsp)	Tuna salad (1 oz tuna)
	<b>V</b> <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup	Sliced jicama (½ c)	Marinated broccoli florets $(\frac{1}{2} c)$			
Week 6	<b>F</b> <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup		Plums (½ c)	Fruit salad: Oranges, bananas, sliced grapes, pineapple (½ c)		
	<b>G</b> 1 oz eq	Enriched bread sticks (1 oz)			Whole-wheat bagel (1 oz) <b>WGR</b>	Whole-grain crackers (1 oz) <b>WGR</b>
	Α					Chopped tomatoes ( <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> c)
	0	Low-fat dip (1 Tbsp) Water	Water	Water	Water	Water

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Μ			Unflavored low-fat milk		
	1 cup			(1 c)		
	MMA	Pumpkin seeds (1 oz)	Hummus (¼ c chickpeas)		Shredded low-fat cheese	Berry-peach yogurt parfait:
	1 oz				(1 oz)	Low-fat yogurt (½ c)
	V		Zucchini sticks (¼ c)		Garden salad: Lettuce (½ c),	
	¹⁄₂ cup		Pepper strips (1/4 c)		tomatoes, cucumbers, and	
	_				carrots ( <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> c)	
k 7	F	Watermelon chunks (½ c)				Seasonal berries $(1/4 c)$
Week '	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup			<b>D</b> · 1 1 1·		Diced peaches ( <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> c)
	G			Enriched pumpkin		
	1 oz eq			cranberry muffin (2 oz) <b>WGR</b>		
	Α					
	0	Water	Water		Low-fat Italian dressing	Crumbled graham crackers
	-				(1 Tbsp)	(1 Tbsp)
					Water	Water
	Μ					
	1 cup					
	MMA	Pita bread triangles:				Chicken salad (1 oz cooked
	1 oz	Low-fat cheese (1 oz)				chicken)
	V		Roasted chickpeas (1/2 c)	Marinated diced cucumber-		
8	¹∕₂ cup			tomato salad (½ c)		
ek 8	F		Pineapple chunks (1/2 c)		Strawberry shortcake:	
Week 8	¹∕₂ cup				Sliced strawberries (1/2 c)	
	G	Whole-wheat pita bread		Whole-grain roll (1 oz)	Enriched biscuit (1 oz)	Whole-wheat pita pocket
	1 oz eq	(1 oz) <b>WGR</b>		WGR		(1 oz) <b>WGR</b>
	Α	Veggie salsa (1/8 c)				Shredded lettuce (1/8 c) <sup>5</sup>
						Diced tomato ( <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> c)
	0	Low-fat dressing (1 Tbsp)	Water		Whipped cream (2 Tbsp)	Low-fat dip (1 Tbsp)
	-	Water		Water	Water	Water

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Μ					
	1 cup					
	MMA				Almond butter (2 Tbsp)	Herbed cottage cheese
	1 oz					( <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> c)
	V		Marinated three-bean			Celery sticks and
	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup	$\mathbf{D}^{\prime}$ $1$ $1^{\prime}$ $(1/2)$	salad (1/2 c)			cucumber slices (1/2 c)
ek 9	<b>F</b> <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup	Pineapple slices (1/2 c)		Sliced kiwi (1/2 c)	Frozen banana (½ c)	
Week	G	Whole-grain bagel (1 oz)	Enriched pretzels (1 oz)	Whole-grain puffed cereal		
	1 oz eq	WGR		( <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> c) <b>WGR</b>		
	Α					Whole-grain crackers ( <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> oz) <b>WGR</b>
	0	Light cream cheese (½ Tbsp) Water	Water	Water	Water	Water
	Μ					
	1 cup					
	MMA	Hard-boiled egg (1/2 large)				Peanut butter (2 Tbsp)
	1 oz					
	<b>V</b>		Cherry tomatoes $(\frac{1}{2} c)$		Roasted green beans $(1/2 c)$	
10	1 cup F		Diced pears $(\frac{1}{2} c)$	Refried beans and salsa	Apple slices (½ c)	
Week 10	<b>F</b> <sup>1</sup> ∕₂ cup		Diced pears (72 C)	( $\frac{1}{2}$ cup)	Apple slices (72 C)	
M	G	Whole-grain roll (1 oz)		Whole-corn tortilla chips		Whole-wheat bagel
	1 oz eq	WGR		(1 oz) WGR		(1 oz) <b>WGR</b>
	A					
	0	Low-fat dressing (1 Tbsp) Water	Water	Water	Water	Low-fat dip (1 Tbsp) Water

#### Resources

- CACFP Meal Patterns for Adults (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/CACFP/MealPattern/Adult\_Meal\_Pattern\_CACFP.pdf
- Crediting Foods in CACFP Adult Day Care Centers (CSDE webpage): https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Crediting-Foods-in-CACFP-Adult-Day-Care-Centers
- Crediting Summary Charts for the CACFP Adult Meal Patterns (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/CACFP/Crediting/Crediting\_Summary\_Charts\_CACFP\_Adults.pdf
- Meal Pattern Requirements for CACFP Adult Day Care Centers (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/CACFP/MealPattern/Guide\_CACFP\_Meal\_Patterns\_Adults.pdf
- Meal Patterns for CACFP Adult Care Centers (CSDE webpage) https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Meal-Patterns-CACFP-Adult-Centers
- Menu Planning Basics: A Guide for CACFP Operators in Child Care (Institute of Child Nutrition): https://theicn.org/icn-resources-a-z/menu-planning-basics-cacfp
- Menu Planning for CACFP Adult Day Care Centers (CSDE webpage): https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Meal-Patterns-CACFP-Adult-Centers/Related-Resources#MenuPlanning
- Recipes for Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE's Meal Patterns for CACFP Child Care Programs webpage): https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Menu-Planning#Recipes
- Resource List for Menu Planning and Food Production for Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/Resources/Resources\_Menu\_Planning.pdf
- Resources for the CACFP Meal Patterns (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/CACFP/MealPattern/Resources\_CACFP\_Meal\_Pattern.pdf



For more information on the CACFP adult meal patterns, refer to the CSDE's guide, *Meal Pattern Requirements for CACFP Adult Day Care Centers*, and visit the Meal Patterns for CACFP Adult Day Care Centers and Crediting Foods in CACFP Adult Day Care Centers webpages, 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/Adult\_Menu\_Snack.pdf.

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