This list includes resources and websites to assist child care centers, family day care homes, emergency shelters, at-risk afterschool care centers, and adult day care centers with meeting the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) meal pattern and crediting requirements for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). For links to information on federal and state requirements and guidance, visit the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) Program Guidance for CACFP Child Care Programs webpage and Program Guidance for CACFP Adult Day Care Centers webpage. For additional guidance, please contact the CSDE's CACFP staff.



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CACFP Requirements and Guidance

CACFP Adult Day Care Centers (USDA webpage):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/cacfp-adult-day-care-centers/documents

CACFP Afterschool Programs (USDA webpage):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/afterschool-programs

CACFP At-risk Afterschool Care Centers (CSDE webpage):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/cacfp-at-risk-afterschool-care-centers

CACFP Child Care Centers (CSDE webpage):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/cacfp-child-care-centers

CACFP Emergency Shelters (CSDE webpage):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/cacfp-emergency-shelters

CACFP Family Day Care Homes (CSDE webpage):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/cacfp-family-day-care-homes

CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays Training Webinar Series (USDA webpage):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp-halftime-thirty-thursdays-training-webinar-series

CACFP Handbooks (USDA webpage):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/handbooks

CACFP Policy Memos (USDA webpage):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/resources

CACFP Regulations (USDA webpage):

https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-7/subtitle-B/chapter-II/subchapter-A/part-226

Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE webpage):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/child-nutrition-programs

FNS Instructions for Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE webpage):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/fns-instructions-for-child-nutrition-programs

Food Safety for Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE webpage):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/food-safety-for-child-nutrition-programs

Forms for CACFP Adult Day Care Centers (CSDE webpage):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/cacfp-adult-day-care-centers/forms

Forms for CACFP Child Care Centers (CSDE webpage):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/cacfp-child-care-centers/forms

Forms for CACFP Homes (CSDE webpage):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/cacfp-family-day-care-homes/forms

Laws and Regulations for Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE webpage):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/laws-and-regulations-for-child-nutrition-programs

Laws and Regulations for Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE webpage):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/laws-and-regulations-for-child-nutrition-programs

Manuals and Guides for Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE webpage):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/manuals-and-guides-for-child-nutrition-programs

Operational Memoranda for the CACFP (CSDE webpage):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/lists/operational-memoranda-for-the-cacfp

Program Guidance for CACFP Adult Day Care Centers (CSDE webpage):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/program-guidance-cacfp-adults

Program Guidance for CACFP Child Care Programs (CSDE webpage):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/program-guidance-cacfp-child

Child Nutrition (CN) Labels

Appendix C: The USDA Child Nutrition Labeling Program (USDA's Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs):

https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/Content/TablesFBG/USDA_FBG_Appendix_C.pdf

Authorized Manufacturers and Labels (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/cnlabeling/usdausdc-authorized-labels-and-manufacturers

Child Nutrition (CN) Labeling Manual (USDA):

https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/child-nutrition-labeling-manual.pdf

Child Nutrition Labels (CSDE's Crediting Documentation for the Child Nutrition Programs webpage):

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

CN Labeling Program (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/labeling-program

CN Labels and Product Formulation Statements (USDA Presentation):

https://theicn.org/resources/930/march-2016/109876/manufacturers-product-formulation-statement-pfs03-31-16.pdf

FBG Module 3: Product Formulation Statements (Institute of Child Nutrition):

https://theicn.docebosaas.com/learn/courses/139/fbg-module-3-product-formulation-statements-pfs

Food Manufacturers/Industry (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/cnlabeling/food-manufacturersindustry

USDA Memo SP 05-2025, CACFP 04-2025, and SFSP 02-2025: Guidance for Accepting Processed Product Documentation for Meal Pattern Requirements: https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/labeling/guidance-accepting-processed-product-documentation

Using Child Nutrition (CN) Labels in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/using_cn_labels_cacfp.pdf

Crediting Guidance and Documentation

Accepting Processed Product Documentation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

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

Accepting Product Documentation (CSDE's Crediting Documentation for the Child Nutrition Programs webpage):

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

Bite Size: Meeting the CACFP Meal Patterns for Children: Module 2: Meal Pattern Documentation (CSDE training module)

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/meal-patterns-cacfp-child-care-programs/bite-size-meal-pattern-training

Commercial Processed Products (CSDE's Crediting Documentation for the Child Nutrition Programs webpage):

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

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 (CSDE webpage): https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-child-and-adult-care-food-program
- Crediting Handbook for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/crediting-handbook-child-and-adult-care-food-program
- Crediting Summary Charts for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/crediting_summary_charts_cacfp.pdf
- Crediting Tip Sheets in Child Nutrition Programs (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/cn/crediting-tipsheets
- Crediting Updates for Child Nutrition Programs: Be in the Know! Webinar Series (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/cn/crediting-updates-webinars
- Exhibit A Grains Tool (USDA's (USDA): for Child Nutrition Programs): https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/ExhibitATool/Index
- Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/fbg
- Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs: Training Resources (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/food-buying-guide-training-resources
- Foods Made from Scratch (CSDE's Crediting Documentation for the Child Nutrition Programs webpage):

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

- Guide to Meeting the CACFP Adult Meal Patterns and Crediting Requirements (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/mealpattern/guide_cacfp_meal_patterns_adults.pdf
- Guide to Meeting the CACFP Meal Patterns for Children and Crediting Requirements (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/mealpattern/guide_cacfp_meal_patterns.pdf
- Guide to Menu Documentation for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/mealpattern/guide_cacfp_ menu_documentation.pdf
- Portion Control (CSDE's Menu Planning for Child Nutrition Programs webpage): https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/menu-planning/portion-control

- Recipe Analysis Workbook (USDA's Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/food-buying-guide-interactive-web-based-tool
- Recipe Standardization Guide for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (Institute of Child Nutrition):
 - https://theicn.org/icn-resources-a-z/step-by-step-recipe-standardization-guide-for-the-child-and-adult-care-food-program/
- Records Retention Requirements for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/forms/records_retention_cacfp.pdf
- Standardized Recipe Form for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/standardized_recipe_form_cacfp.docx
- Standardized Recipes (CSDE's Crediting Documentation for the Child Nutrition Programs webpage):
 - https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-documentation-for-the-child-nutrition-programs/standardized-recipes
- USDA Memo CACFP 17-2017: Documenting Meals in the Child and Adult Care Food Program: https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/documenting-meals
- USDA Memo SP 05-2025, CACFP 04-2025, and SFSP 02-2025: Guidance for Accepting Processed Product Documentation for Meal Pattern Requirements: https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/labeling/guidance-accepting-processed-product-documentation
- Using Child Nutrition (CN) Labels in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/using_cn_labels_cacfp.pdf
- Using Product Formulation Statements in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): http://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/using_product_formulation_ statements_cacfp.pdf
- Using the Nutrition Facts Label in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/using-nutrition-facts-label-cacfp
- Weights and Measures ("Portion Control" section of CSDE's Menu Planning for Child Nutrition Programs webpage):
 - https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/menu-planning/portion-control#WeightsMeasures

When Commercial Grain Products Require a Product Formulation Statement to Credit in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

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

Yield Study Data Form for the Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/nslp/crediting/yield_study_form.pdf

Fruits Component

Bite Size: Meeting the CACFP Meal Patterns for Children: Module 5: Fruits Component (CSDE training module)

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/meal-patterns-cacfp-child-care-programs/bite-size-meal-pattern-training

Crediting Fruits in the Child Nutrition Programs Tip Sheet (USDA): http://https//www.fns.usda.gov/tn/crediting-fruits-child-nutrition-programs-tip-sheet

Crediting Juices in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/credit_juices_cacfp.pdf

Crediting Smoothies in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/credit_smoothies_cacfp.pdf

Food Buying Guide Section 3: Overview of Crediting Requirements for the Fruits Component (USDA):

https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/Content/TablesFBG/USDA FBG Section3 Fruits.pdf

Food Buying Guide Section 3: Yield Table for Fruits (USDA): https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/files/Reports/USDA_FBG_Section3_FruitsYieldTable.pdf

Fruits Component (CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Child and Adult Care Food Program webpage):

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

Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Vegetables and Fruits in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program, and NSLP Afterschool Snacks USDA):

https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/PFS_Document_Total_Veg_Fruits.pdf

USDA Memo CACFP 09-2017: Vegetable and Fruit Requirements in the Child and Adult Care Food Program; Questions and Answers:

https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/vegetable-fruit-requirements-qas

USDA Memo SP 34-2019, CACFP 15-2019, and SFSP 15-2019: Crediting Coconut, Hominy, Corn Masa, and Masa Harina in the Child Nutrition Programs:

https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/crediting-coconut-hominy-corn-masa-and-masa-harina-child-nutrition-programs

USDA Memo SP 40-2019, CACFP 17-2019, and SFSP 17-2019: Smoothies Offered in Child Nutrition Programs:

https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/smoothies-offered

Webinar: Crediting Vegetable Noodles and Coconut in the Child Nutrition Programs (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/crediting-vegetable-noodles-and-coconut-child-nutrition-programs

Grains Component

pattern-training

Adding Whole Grains to Your CACFP Menu (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/adding-whole-grains-your-cacfp-menu

Bite Size: Meeting the CACFP Meal Patterns for Children: Module 7A: Grains Component Crediting Requirements (CSDE training module)

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/meal-patterns-cacfp-child-care-programs/bite-size-meal-

Bite Size: Meeting the CACFP Meal Patterns for Children: Module 7B: Grains Component Whole Grain-rich Requirement (CSDE training module)

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/meal-patterns-cacfp-child-care-programs/bite-size-meal-pattern-training

Bite Size: Meeting the CACFP Meal Patterns for Children: Module 7C: Grains Component Ounce Equivalents (CSDE training module)

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/meal-patterns-cacfp-child-care-programs/bite-size-meal-pattern-training

Calculating the Added Sugars Limit for Breakfast Cereals in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/cacfp/calculating-sugar-limits-breakfast-cereals

Calculation Methods for Grain Ounce Equivalents in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

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

Choose Breakfast Cereals That Are Lower in Added Sugars in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/cacfp/breakfast-cereals-lower-sugar

Crediting Breakfast Cereals in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/credit_cereals_cacfp.pdf

Crediting Enriched Grains in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/credit_enriched_grains_cacfp.pdf

Crediting Grains in the Child Nutrition Programs Tip Sheets: Part 1: Creditable Grains in Child Nutrition Programs; Part 2: Identifying Grain Products that are Whole Grain-Rich; and Part 3: Program Requirements (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/crediting-grains

Crediting Single-Serving Packages of Grains in the CACFP (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/crediting-single-serving-packages-grains-cacfp

Crediting Whole Grains in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/credit_whole_grains_cacfp.pdf

Determining Ounce Equivalents of Grains in CACFP Recipes (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/determining-ounce-equivalents-grains-cacfp-recipes

Exhibit A Grains Tool (USDA's Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs): https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/ExhibitATool/Index

Exhibit A: Grain Requirements for Child Nutrition Programs (USDA): https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/Content/TablesFBG/ExhibitA.pdf

Food Buying Guide Exhibit A Grains Tool (USDA): https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/ExhibitATool/Index

Food Buying Guide Section 4: Overview of Crediting Requirements for the Grains Component (USDA):

https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/Content/TablesFBG/USDA_FBG_Section4_Grains.pdf

Food Buying Guide Section 4: Yield Table for Grains (USDA):
 https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/files/Reports/USDA_FBG_Section4_GrainsYield
 Table.pdf

Grain Ounce Equivalents Chart for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/grain_oz_eq_cacfp.pdf

Grain-based Desserts in the CACFP (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/grain-based-desserts-cacfp

Grains Component (CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Child and Adult Care Food Program webpage):

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

Guide to Meeting the Whole Grain-rich Requirement for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

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

How to Identify Creditable Grains for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/identify_creditable_grains_cacfp.pdf

How to Maximize the Exhibit A Grains Tool (USDA webinar): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/how-maximize-exhibit-grains-tool

How to Spot Whole Grain-Rich Foods for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/how-spot-whole-grain-rich-foods-cacfp

How to Use the Grain Ounce Equivalents Chart for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

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

Identifying Whole Grain-Rich Foods for the Child and Adult Care Food Program Using the Ingredient List (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/identifying-whole-grain-rich-foods-cacfp

Is My Recipe Whole Grain-Rich in the Child and Adult Care Food Program? (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/my-recipe-whole-grain-rich-cacfp

Ounce Equivalents ("Serving Requirements" section of the CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Child and Adult Care Food Program webpage):

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

Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Grains in Child Nutrition Programs (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/PFS_Grains_Oz_Eq_Fillable_508.pdf

Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Grains in Child Nutrition Programs – Completed Sample (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/PFS_Example_Grains_Oz_Eq.pdf

Recipe Analysis Workbook (USDA's Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/food-buying-guide-interactive-web-based-tool

USDA Memo CACFP 05-2025: Grain Requirements in the Child and Adult Care Food Program; Questions and Answers:

https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/cacfp/grain-requirements-qas

USDA Memo CACFP 16-2017: Grain-Based Desserts in the Child and Adult Care Food Program:

https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/grain-based-desserts-child-and-adult-care-food-program

USDA Memo SP 23-2019, CACFP 10-2019, and SFSP 09-2019: Crediting Popcorn in the Child Nutrition Programs:

https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/crediting-popcorn-child-nutrition-programs

USDA Memo SP 34-2019, CACFP 15-2019, and SFSP 15-2019: Crediting Coconut, Hominy, Corn Masa, and Masa Harina in the Child Nutrition Programs:

https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/crediting-coconut-hominy-corn-masa-and-masa-harina-child-nutrition-programs

Using Ounce Equivalents for Grains in the CACFP (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/using-ounce-equivalents-grains-cacfp

Using the WIC Food Lists to Identify Grains for the CACFP (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/using-wic-food-lists-identify-grains-cacfp

When Commercial Grain Products Require a Product Formulation Statement to Credit in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

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

Whole Grain-rich Requirement (CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Child and Adult Care Food Program webpage):

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

Worksheet for Crediting Cooked Breakfast Cereals in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

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

Worksheet for Crediting Ready-to-eat (RTE) Breakfast Cereals in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

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

Infant Meal Pattern

Accepting/Rejecting Infant Formula in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/infants/accepting_rejecting_infant_formula_cacfp.docx

Accepting/Rejecting Infant Formula in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (Spanish): Aceptar/rechazar formula para infantes del Programa de Alimentos para el Cuidado de Niños y Adultos (CACFP) (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/infants/accepting_rejecting_infant_formula_cacfp_spanish.docx

Breast Milk or Formula Provided by Parent or Guardian (CSDE's Feeding Infants in CACFP Child Care Programs webpage):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/feeding-infants-in-cacfp-child-care-programs/breast-milk-orformula-provided-by-parent-or-guardian

CACFP Infant Meal Pattern (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/infants/infant_meal_pattern.pdf

CACFP Trainer's Tools: Feeding Infants (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/feeding-infants-cacfp-trainers-tools

Crediting Infant Foods (CSDE's Feeding Infants in CACFP Child Care Programs webpage): https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/feeding-infants-in-cacfp-child-care-programs/crediting-infant-foods

Crediting Store-Bought Combination Baby Foods in the CACFP (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/crediting-store-bought-combination-baby-foods-cacfp

Feeding Infants in CACFP Child Care Programs (CSDE webpage):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/feeding-infants-in-cacfp-child-care-programs

Feeding Infants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (Spanish): Alimentación de Bebés en el Programa de Alimentos para el Cuidado de Niños y Adultos (USDA):

https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/FeedingInfants-full-sp_r2.pdf

Feeding Infants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/feeding-infants-child-and-adult-care-food-program

Feeding Infants Using Ounce Equivalents for Grains in the CACFP (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/feeding-infants-using-ounce-equivalents-grains-cacfp

Infant Formula (CSDE's Feeding Infants in CACFP Child Care Programs webpage):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/feeding-infants-in-cacfp-child-care-programs/infant-formula

Infant Menu Form for Five days (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/infants/infant_menu_form_cacfp_5day.docx

Infant Menu Form for Seven days (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/infants/infant menu form cacfp 7day.docx

Nutrition Standards for CACFP Meals and Snacks (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/meals-and-snacks

USDA Memo CACFP 01-2023: Creditability of Infant Formulas Imported Through the Food and Drug Administration's 2022 Infant Formula Enforcement Discretion Policy in the Child and Adult Care Food Program:

https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/creditability-infant-formulas-imported-fda2022-enforcement-discretion-policy

USDA Memo CACFP 06-2025: Feeding Infants and Meal Pattern Requirements in the Child and Adult Care Food Program; Questions and Answers:

https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/feeding-infants-meal-pattern-requirements-qas

Meal Modifications for Special Diets

Action Planning Form (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/nslp/specdiet/action_planning_form.docx

Allowable Fluid Milk Substitutes for Non-disability Reasons for Adult Participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/specdiet/milk_substitutes_cacfp_adults.pdf

Allowable Fluid Milk Substitutes for Non-disability Reasons for Children in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/specdiet/milk_substitutes_cacfp.pdf

CACFP regulations 7 CFR 226.20(g)(1): Modifications for disability reasons (USDA): https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-7/part-226#p-226.20(g)(1)

CACFP regulations 7 CFR 226.20(g)(2): Variations for non-disability reasons (USDA): https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-7/part-226#p-226.20(g)(2)

CACFP regulations 7 CFR 226.20(g)(3): Fluid milk substitutes for non-disability reasons (USDA):

https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-7/part-226#p-226.20(g)(3)

Food Allergies (CSDE's Special Diets in the Child and Adult Care Food Program webpage): https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/special-diets-in-the-child-and-adult-care-food-program/food-allergies

Guidance for Special Diets (CSDE's Special Diets in the Child and Adult Care Food Program webpage):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/special-diets-in-the-child-and-adult-care-food-program/guidance-for-special-diets

Identifying Products that Meet the USDA's Nutrition Standards for Fluid Milk Substitutes in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/specdiet/identify_allowable_nondairy_milk_substitutes_cacfp.pdf

Instructions for the Medical Statement for Meal Modifications for Adult Participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/specdiet/adult_medical_statement_cacfp_instructions.pdf

Instructions for the Medical Statement for Meal Modifications for Children in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/specdiet/medical_statement_cacfp_instructions.pdf

Instructions for the Medical Statement for Meal Modifications in CACFP Child Care Programs (Spanish): Instrucciones para la declaración médica para modificaciones de alimentos para niños en los programas de cuidado infantil Programa de Alimentos para el Cuidado de Niños y Adultos (CACFP) (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/specdiet/medical_statement_cacfp_spanish_instructions.pdf

Instructions for the Medical Statement for Meal Modifications in CACFP Adult Day Care Centers (Spanish): Instrucciones para la declaración médica para modificaciones de alimentos para participantes adultos en los programas de cuidado infantil Programa de Alimentos para el Cuidado de Niños y Adultos (CACFP) (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/specdiet/adult_medical_statement_cacfp_spanish_instructions.pdf

Medical Statement for Meal Modifications for Adult Participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/specdiet/adult_medical_statement_cacfp.docx

Medical Statement for Meal Modifications for Children in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/specdiet/medical_statement_cacfp.docx

Medical Statement for Meal Modifications in CACFP Adult Day Care Centers (Spanish):

Declaración médica para modificaciones de alimentos para participantes adultos en los
programas de cuidado infantil Programa de Alimentos para el Cuidado de Niños y Adultos
(CACFP) (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/specdiet/adult_medical_statement_cacfp_spanish.docx

Medical Statement for Meal Modifications in CACFP Child Care Programs (Spanish):

Declaración médica para modificaciones de alimentos para niños en los programas de cuidado infantil Programa de Alimentos para el Cuidado de Niños y Adultos (CACFP) (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/specdiet/medical_statement_cacfp_spanish.docx

Medical Statements (CSDE's Special Diets in the Child and Adult Care Food Program webpage):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/special-diets-in-the-child-and-adult-care-food-program/medical-statements

Milk Substitutes (CSDE's Special Diets in the Child and Adult Care Food Program webpage): https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/special-diets-in-the-child-and-adult-care-food-program/milk-substitutes

Overview of the Requirements for Meal Modifications for Adult Participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/specdiet/overview_meal_modifications_cacfp_adults.pdf

Overview of the Requirements for Meal Modifications for Children in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/specdiet/overview_meal_modifications_cacfp.pdf

Policy for Meal Modifications (CSDE's Special Diets in the Child and Adult Care Food Program webpage):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/special-diets-in-the-child-and-adult-care-food-program/policy-for-meal-modifications

Resource List for Special Diets in Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/resources/resources_special_diets.pdf

Resources for Special Diets in Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/special-diets-in-school-nutrition-programs/documents

Sample Action Plan: Developing Policy for Meal Modifications in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/specdiet/action_policy_meal_modifications_cacfp.pdf

Sample Action Plan: Promoting Policy for Meal Modifications in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/specdiet/action_promote_meal_modifications_cacfp.pdf

Sample Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Meal Modifications in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/specdiet/sample_sop_meal_modifications_cacfp.docx

Self-assessment of Adult Day Care Center Practices for Meal Modifications in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/specdiet/assessment_meal_modifications_cacfp_adults.pdf

Self-assessment of Child Care Practices for Meal Modifications in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/specdiet/assessment_meal_modifications_cacfp.pdf

Special Diets in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/special-diets-in-the-child-and-adult-care-food-program/medical-statements

Summary Charts of the Requirements for Meal Modifications for Adult Participants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/specdiet/summary_chart_meal_modifications_cacfp_adults.pdf

Summary Charts of the Requirements for Meal Modifications for Children in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/specdiet/summary_chart_meal_modifications_cacfp.pdf

USDA Memo CACFP 01-2025: Nutrition Requirements for Fluid Milk and Substitutions in the CACFP, Questions and Answers:

https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/nutrition-requirements-fluid-milk-qas

USDA Memo CACFP 14-2017 and SFSP 10-2017: Policy Memorandum on Modifications to Accommodate Disabilities in the Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program:

https://www.fns.usda.gov/modifications-accommodate-disabilities-cacfp-and-sfsp

Meal Patterns

Bite Size: Meeting the CACFP Meal Patterns for Children (CSDE training modules): https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/meal-patterns-cacfp-child-care-programs/bite-size-meal-pattern-training

CACFP Adult Meal Patterns (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#AdultMealPatterns

CACFP Breakfast Meal Pattern for Adult Day Care Centers (CSDE):

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

CACFP Breakfast Meal Pattern for Children (CSDE):

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

CACFP Lunch and Supper Meal Pattern for Adult Day Care Centers (CSDE):

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

CACFP Lunch and Supper Meal Pattern for Children (CSDE):

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

CACFP Meal Pattern Posters (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/meal-pattern-posters-cacfp

CACFP Meal Pattern Training Slides (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/cacfp/meal-pattern-training-slides

CACFP Meal Pattern Training Worksheets (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/cacfp/meal-pattern-training-worksheets

CACFP Meal Pattern Updates (CSDE's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) webpage):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/child-and-adult-care-food-program #CACFP_Meal_Pattern_Updates

CACFP Meal Patterns for Children (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#MealPatternsChildren

CACFP Snack Meal Pattern for Adult Day Care Centers (CSDE):

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

CACFP Snack Meal Pattern for Children (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/mealpattern/cacfp snack meal pattern.pdf.

CACFP Training Tools (USDA webpage):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/cacfp/trainers-tools

Guide to Meeting the CACFP Adult Meal Patterns (CSDE guide):

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

Guide to Meeting the CACFP Meal Patterns for Children (CSDE guide):

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

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 Forms ("Menu Forms and Production Records" 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-forms-and-production-records

Noncreditable Foods in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

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

Nutrition Standards for CACFP Meals and Snacks (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/meals-and-snacks

Summary of Final Rule Updates to the Meal Patterns for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

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

USDA Final Rule Correction: CACFP Meal Pattern Revisions Related to the HHFKA of 2010 (81 FR 75671):

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/11/01/2016-26339/child-and-adult-care-food-program-meal-pattern-revisions-related-to-the-healthy-hunger-free-kids-act

USDA Final Rule: CACFP Meal Pattern Revisions Related to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (81 FR 24347):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/fr-042516

requirements-child-and-adult-care-food-program

USDA Final Rule: Child Nutrition Programs: Meal Patterns Consistent with The 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines For Americans (89 FR 31962):

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/04/25/2024-08098/child-nutrition-programs-meal-patterns-consistent-with-the-2020-2025-dietary-guidelines-for

USDA Memo CACFP 08-2017: Questions and Answers on the Updated Meal Pattern Requirements for the Child and Adult Care Food Program: https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/questions-and-answers-updated-meal-pattern-

USDA Memo CACFP 15-2016: Optional Best Practices to Further Improve Nutrition in the CACFP:

https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/optional-best-practices-further-improve-nutrition-cacfp

USDA Memo SP 19-2024, CACFP 07-2024, and SFSP 12-2024: Initial Implementation Memorandum: Child Nutrition Programs: Meal Patterns Consistent With the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans:

https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/SP19_CACFP07_SFSP12-2024os.pdf

Meal Service

- Adult Day Care: A Child and Adult Care Food Program Handbook (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/adult-day-care-child-and-adult-care-food-program-handbook
- CACFP Trainers' Circle: Family Style Meal Service with Children in the CACFP (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/cacfp/trainers-circle-webinars/family-style-meal-service
- Eating Environment ("Meal Service" 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/meal-service
- Family Style Dining Guide: A Mealtime Approach for Early Care and Education Programs (Ohio Child Care Resource & Referral Association and The Nemours Foundation): https://occrra.org/wp-content/occrra/spec/spec-fsd.pdf
- Family Style Meal Service with Children in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (USDA): https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/CACFP-Family-Style-Meal-ServiceOperator-Booklet.pdf
- Family Style Meal Service with Children in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (USDA): https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/CACFP-Family-Style-Meal-ServiceOperator-Booklet.pdf
- Family Style Meal Service with Children in the CACFP Training Materials (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/family-style-meal-service-cacfp
- Family Style Meal Service ("Meal Service" 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/meal-service#FamilyStyle
- Meal Service (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/meal-service
- Offer versus Serve in At-risk Afterschool Centers in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):
 - https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/atrisk/ovs_at_risk_cacfp.pdf

Offer versus Serve (OVS) for At-risk Afterschool Programs (("Meal Service" 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/meal-service#OVS

Offer Versus Serve in the CACFP (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/offer-versus-serve-cacfp

Serving Meals "Family Style" (USDA Nibbles for Health: Nutrition Newsletters for Parents of Young Children):

https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/nibbles_familymeals_eng.pdf

The Basic Guide to Family Style Dining – Part 1 (ICN):

https://theicn.org/resources/382/2013-mealtime-memos/106229/august-2013-the-basic-guide-to-family-style-dining-part-1.pdf

USDA Memo CACFP 02-2025: Offer Versus Serve and Family Style Meals in CACFP: https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/cacfp/offer-versus-serve-family-style-meals

Why You Should Serve Family Style (National CACFP Association): https://www.cacfp.org/files/4415/3512/5506/Family_Style_Dining_Tips.pdf

Meats/Meat Alternates Component

Additional Meat/Meat Alternates Options for CNPs: Crediting Tempeh and Surimi (USDA Webinar):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/additional-meat-meat-alternate-tempeh-and-surimi

Bite Size: Meeting the CACFP Meal Patterns for Children: Module 4: Meat/Meat Alternates Component (CSDE training module)

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/meal-patterns-cacfp-child-care-programs/bite-size-meal-pattern-training

Calculating the Added Sugars Limit for Yogurt in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/cacfp/calculating-sugar-limits-yogurt

Choose Yogurt That Is Lower in Added Sugars in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/cacfp/choose-yogurts-lower-sugar

- Crediting Beans, Peas, and Lentils in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/credit_beans_peas_lentils_cacfp.pdf
- Crediting Commercial Meat/Meat Alternate Products in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):
 - https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/credit_commercial_mma_cacfp.pdf
- Crediting Deli Meats in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/credit_deli_cacfp.pdf
- Crediting Meats/Meat Alternates in the Child Nutrition Programs Tip Sheet (USDA): https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/MMA TipSheet.pdf
- Crediting Nuts and Seeds in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/credit_nuts_seeds_cacfp.pdf
- Crediting Tofu and Tofu Products in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/credit_tofu_cacfp.pdf
- Crediting Yogurt in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/credit_yogurt_cacfp.pdf
- Food Buying Guide Section 1: Overview of Crediting Requirements for the Meats/Meat Alternates Component (USDA):
 - https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/Content/TablesFBG/USDA_FBG_Section1_ MeatsAndMeatAlternates.pdf
- Food Buying Guide Section 1: Yield Table for Meats/Meat Alternates (USDA): https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/files/Reports/USDA_FBG_Section1_ MeatsAndMeatAlternatesYieldTable.pdf
- Grab and Go Lesson: Defining Tofu and How It Credits in the CACFP (Institute of Child Nutrition):
 - https://theicn.org/resources/1538/nutrition-and-meal-management/120776/benefits-for-using-standardized-recipes-in-the-cacfp.pdf
- Meats and Meat Alternates Component (CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Child and Adult Care Food Program webpage):
 - https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-child-and-adult-care-food-program/meats-and-meat-alternates

Moving Forward: Update on Food Crediting in Child Nutrition Programs with Guidance for Dried Meat Products (USDA Webinar):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/moving-forward-update-food-crediting-dried-meat-product

Product Formulation Statement (Product Analysis) for Meat/Meat Alternate (M/MA) Products in Child Nutrition Programs (USDA):

https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/PFS_Meats-Meat_Alternates_Fillable_508.pdf

Questions and Answers on Alternate Protein Products (APP) (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/questions-and-answers-alternate-protein-products-app

Requirements for Alternate Protein Products in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/app_requirements_cacfp.pdf Reviewer's Checklist for Evaluating Manufacturer Product Formulation Statements for Meat/Meat Alternates (USDA):

Serving Meat and Meat Alternates at Breakfast (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/serving-meats-and-meat-alternates-breakfast

https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/reviewer_checklist.pdf

Serving Meats and Meat Alternates at Lunch and Supper in the USDA CACFP (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/serving-meats-meat-alternates-lunch-supper-cacfp

Tips for Evaluating a Manufacturer's Product Formulation Statement (USDA): https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/manufacturerPFStipsheet.pdf

USDA Memo SP 02-2024, CACFP 02-2024, and SFSP 02-2024: Revised: Crediting Tofu and Soy Yogurt Products in the School Meal Programs, CACFP, and SFSP: https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/crediting-tofu-soy-yogurt-products-school-meals-cacfp

USDA Memo SP 21-2019, CACFP 08-2019, and SFSP 07-2019: Crediting Shelf-Stable, Dried and Semi-Dried Meat, Poultry, and Seafood Products in the Child Nutrition Programs: https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/crediting-shelf-stable-dried-and-semi-dried-meat-poultry-and-seafood-products-child-nutrition

USDA Memo SP 24-2019, CACFP 11-2019, and SFSP 10-2019: Crediting Surimi Seafood in the Child Nutrition Programs: https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/crediting-surimi-seafood-child-nutrition-programs

USDA Memo SP 25-2019, CACFP 12-2019, and SFSP 11-2019: Crediting Tempeh in the Child Nutrition Programs:

https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/crediting-tempeh-child-nutrition-programs

USDA Memo SP 26-2019, CACFP 13-2019, and SFSP 12-2019: Crediting Pasta Products Made of Vegetable Flour in the Child Nutrition Programs:

https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/crediting-pasta-products-made-vegetable-flour-child-nutrition-programs

USDA Memo SP 40-2019, CACFP 17-2019, and SFSP 17-2019: Smoothies Offered in the Child Nutrition Programs:

https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/smoothies-offered-child-nutrition-programs

Worksheet for Crediting Yogurt in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/.sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/worksheet_credit_ yogurt_cacfp.pdf

Menu Planning

Bite Size: Meeting the CACFP Meal Patterns for Children: Module 8: Menu Planning (CSDE training module)

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/meal-patterns-cacfp-child-care-programs/bite-size-meal-pattern-training

Breakfast ("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#Breakfast

- CACFP Adult Day Care Centers Menu Form for AM Snack, Lunch, and PM Snack (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/forms/menuform/adult_menu_form_cacfp_am_snack_lunch_pm_snack.docx
- CACFP Adult Day Care Centers Menu Form for Breakfast, Lunch and Snack (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/forms/menuform/adult_menu_form_cacfp_breakfast_lunch_snack.docx
- CACFP Adult Day Care Centers Menu Form for Lunch and Snack (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/forms/menuform/adult_menu_form_cacfp_lunch_snack.docx
- CACFP Menu Form for AM and PM Snack for Ages 1-2 (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/forms/menuform/menu_form_cacfp_am_pm_snack_ages_1-2.docx

- CACFP Menu Form for AM and PM Snack for Ages 3-5 (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/forms/menuform/menu_ form_cacfp_am_pm_snack_ages_3-5.docx
- CACFP Menu Form for AM Snack, Lunch, and PM Snack for Ages 3-5 (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/forms/menuform/menu_form_cacfp_am_snack_lunch_pm_snack_ages_3-5.docx
- CACFP Menu Form for AM, PM Snack, and Evening Snack for Ages 1-2, 3-5, and 6-18 in Emergency Shelters (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/forms/menuform/menu_form_
 - cacfp_shelter_am_pm_evening_snack_ages_1-2_3-5_6-18.docx
- CACFP Menu Form for AM, PM, and Evening Snack for Ages 6-18 in Emergency Shelters (CSDE):
 - https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/forms/menuform/menu_form_cacfp_shelter_am_pm_evening_snack_ages_6-18.docx
- CACFP Menu Form for At-risk Snack and Supper for Ages 6-18 (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/forms/menuform/menu_form_cacfp_at_risk_snack_supper_ages_6-18.docx
- CACFP Menu Form for Breakfast and PM Snack for Ages 3-5 (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/forms/menuform/menu_form_cacfp_breakfast_snack_ages_3-5.docx
- CACFP Menu Form for Breakfast and PM Snack for Ages 6-12 (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/forms/menuform/menu_form_cacfp_breakfast_snack_ages_6-12.docx
- CACFP Menu Form for Breakfast, AM Snack, and PM Snack for Ages 3-5 (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/forms/menuform/menu_form_cacfp_breakfast_am_snack_pm_snack_ages_3-5.docx
- CACFP Menu Form for Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack for Ages 1-2 (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/forms/menuform/menu_form_cacfp_breakfast_lunch_snack_ages_1-2.docx
- CACFP Menu Form for Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack for Ages 3-5 (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/forms/menuform/menu_form_cacfp_breakfast_lunch_snack_ages_3-5.docx

- CACFP Menu Form for Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack for Ages 6-12 (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/forms/menuform/menu_form_cacfp_breakfast_lunch_snack_ages_6-12.docx
- CACFP Menu Form for Breakfast, Lunch, and Supper for Ages 1-2. 3-5, and 6-18 in Emergency Shelters (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/forms/menuform/menu_form_cacfp_shelter_breakfast_lunch_supper_ages_1-2_3-5_6-18.docx

CACFP Menu Form for Breakfast, Lunch, and Supper for Ages 6-18 in Emergency Shelters (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/forms/menuform/menu_form_cacfp_shelter_breakfast_lunch_supper_ages_6-18.docx

- CACFP Menu Form for Two Weeks of AM or PM Snack for Ages 3-5 (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/forms/menuform/menu_form_cacfp_snack_ages_3-5_2_weeks.docx
- CACFP Menu Form for Two Weeks of At-risk Snack for Ages 6-18 (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/forms/menuform/menu_form_cacfp_at_risk_snack_ages_6-18_2_weeks.docx
- CACFP Menu Form for Two weeks of At-risk Supper for Ages 6-18 (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/forms/menuform/menu_form_cacfp_at_risk_supper_ages_6-18_2_weeks.docx
- Choking Prevention (CSDE's Food Safety for Child Nutrition Programs webpage): https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/food-safety-for-child-nutrition-programs/documents #ChokingPrevention
- Cycle Menus (CSDE's Menu Planning for Child Nutrition Programs webpage): https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/menu-planning/cycle-menus
- Lunch and Supper ("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

Menu Forms ("Menu Forms and Production Records" 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-forms-and-production-records

- 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 for Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/menu-planning
- Methods for Healthy Cooking (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/methods-healthy-cooking
- Reducing the Risk of Choking in Young Children at Mealtimes (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/reducing-risk-choking-young-children-mealtimes
- Reducing the Risk of Choking in Young Children at Mealtimes (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/reducing-risk-choking-young-children-mealtimes
- Resource List for Menu Planning and Food Production in Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/resources/resources_menu_planning.pdf
- Sample Cold Breakfast Menus for CACFP Adult Day Care Centers: http://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/mealpattern/adult_menu_cacfp_breakfast_cold.pdf
- Sample Cold Breakfast Menus for CACFP Child Care Centers and Homes (CSDE): http://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/mealpattern/menu_cacfp_breakfast_cold.pdf
- Sample Cold Lunch and Supper Menus for CACFP Adult Day Care Centers (CSDE): http://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/mealpattern/adult_menu_cacfp_lunch_cold.pdf
- Sample Cold Lunch and Supper Menus for CACFP Child Care Centers and Homes (CSDE): http://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/mealpattern/menu_cacfp_lunch_cold.pdf
- Sample Hot Breakfast Menus for CACFP Adult Day Care Centers (CSDE): http://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/mealpattern/adult_menu_cacfp_breakfast_hot.pdf
- Sample Hot Breakfast Menus for CACFP Child Care Centers and Homes (CSDE): http://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/mealpattern/menu_cacfp_breakfast_hot.pdf
- Sample Hot Lunch and Supper Menus for CACFP Adult Day Care Centers (CSDE): http://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/mealpattern/adult_menu_cacfp_lunch_hot.pdf
- Sample Hot Lunch and Supper Menus for CACFP Child Care Centers and Homes (CSDE): http://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/mealpattern/menu_cacfp_lunch_hot.pdf

Sample CACFP Menus ("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#SampleCACFPMenus

Sample Snack Menus for CACFP Adult Day Care Centers (CSDE):

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

Sample Snack Menus for CACFP Child Care Centers and Homes (CSDE):

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

Serving Snacks in the CACFP (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/serving-snacks-cacfp

Snacks ("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#Snacks

USDA Memo CACFP 15-2016: Optional Best Practices to Further Improve Nutrition in the CACFP:

https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/optional-best-practices-further-improve-nutrition-cacfp

Using the Nutrition Facts Label in the CACFP (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/using-nutrition-facts-label-cacfp

Milk Component

Allowable Milk Substitutes for Adult Participants without Disabilities in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/specdiet/milk substitutes cacfp adults.pdf

Allowable Milk Substitutes for Children without Disabilities in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/specdiet/milk_substitutes_cacfp.pdf

Bite Size: Meeting the CACFP Meal Patterns for Children: Module 1: Milk Component (CSDE training module)

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/meal-patterns-cacfp-child-care-programs/bite-size-meal-pattern-training

Crediting Fluid Milk in the Child Nutrition Programs Tip Sheet (USDA) http://https//www.fns.usda.gov/tn/crediting-milk-child-nutrition-programs-tip-sheet

Determining if Nondairy Beverages Meet the USDA's Nutrition Standards for Fluid Milk Substitutes in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/specdiet/determining_allowable_nondairy_milk_substitute_cacfp.pdf

Food Buying Guide Section 5: Overview of Crediting Requirements for the Milk Component (USDA):

https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/Content/TablesFBG/USDA_FBG_Section5_Milk.pdf

Food Buying Guide Section 5: Yield Table for Milk (USDA):

https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/files/Reports/USDA_FBG_Section5_MilkYieldTable.pdf

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

Serving Milk in the CACFP (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/serving-milk-cacfp

USDA Memo CACFP 01-2025: Nutrition Requirements for Fluid Milk and Fluid Milk Substitutions in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Questions and Answers https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/nutrition-requirements-fluid-milk-qas

Product Formulation Statements

Product Formulation Statement (Product Analysis) for Meat/Meat Alternate (M/MA) Products in Child Nutrition Programs (USDA):

https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/PFS_Meats-Meat_Alternates_Fillable_508.pdf

Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Grains in Child Nutrition Programs (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/PFS_Grains_Oz_Eq_ Fillable_508.pdf

Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Grains in Child Nutrition Programs – Completed Sample (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/PFS Example Grains Oz Eg.pdf

Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Vegetables and Fruits in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program, and NSLP Afterschool Snacks (USDA):

https://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/PFS_Total_Veg_Fruits_Fillable_508.pdf

Product Formulation Statements (CSDE's Crediting Documentation for the Child Nutrition Programs webpage):

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-documentation-for-the-child-nutrition-programs/product-formulation-statements

Reviewer's Checklist for Evaluating Manufacturer Product Formulation Statements (Product Analysis) for Meat/Meat Alternate (M/MA) Products https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/reviewer_checklist.pdf

Tips for Evaluating a Manufacturer's Product Formulation Statement (USDA): https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/manufacturerPFStipsheet.pdf

Using Product Formulation Statements in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): http://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/using_product_formulation_ statements_cacfp.pdf

When Commercial Grain Products Require a Product Formulation Statement to Credit in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

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

Production Records

Instructions for the Production Record Templates for Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/forms/prodrecord/instructions_production_record_cacfp.pdf

Production Record for CACFP Adult Day Care Centers (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/forms/prodrecord/production_record_cacfp_adult_centers.docx

Production Record for CACFP Child Care Programs (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/forms/prodrecord/production_record_cacfp_child_care_programs.docx

Production Records ("Menu Forms and Production Records" section of the 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-forms-and-production-records

Using Production Records in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/forms/prodrecord/using_production_records_cacfp.pdf

Vegetables Component

Bite Size: Meeting the CACFP Meal Patterns for Children: Module 5: Vegetables Component (CSDE training module)

https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/meal-patterns-cacfp-child-care-programs/bite-size-meal-pattern-training

Crediting Beans, Peas, and Lentils in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/credit_beans_peas_lentils_cacfp.pdf

Crediting Juices in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/credit_juices_cacfp.pdf

Crediting Smoothies in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/credit_smoothies_cacfp.pdf

Crediting Soups in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/credit_soups_cacfp.pdf

Crediting Vegetable Noodles and Coconut in the Child Nutrition Programs (USDA Webinar): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/crediting-vegetable-noodles-and-coconut-child-nutrition-programs

Crediting Vegetables in Child Nutrition Programs Tip Sheet (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/crediting-vegetables-child-nutrition-programs-tip-sheet

Food Buying Guide Section 2: Overview of Crediting Requirements for the Vegetables Component (USDA):

https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/Content/TablesFBG/USDA_FBG_Section2_ Vegetables.pdf

Food Buying Guide Section 2: Yield Table for Vegetables (USDA):
 https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/files/Reports/USDA_FBG_Section2_Vegetables-YieldTable.pdf

Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Vegetables and Fruits in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program, and NSLP Afterschool Snacks USDA):

https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/PFS_Document_Total_ Veg_Fruits.pdf

Serving Vegetables in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (USDA webpage): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/serving-vegetables-cacfp

USDA Memo CACFP 09-2017: Vegetable and Fruit Requirements in the Child and Adult Care Food Program; Questions and Answers:

https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/vegetable-fruit-requirements-qas

USDA Memo SP 26-2019, CACFP 13-2019, and SFSP 12-2019: Crediting Pasta Products Made of Vegetable Flour in the Child Nutrition Programs: https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/crediting-pasta-products-made-vegetable-flour-child-nutrition-programs

USDA Memo SP 40-2019, CACFP 17-2019, and SFSP 17-2019: Smoothies Offered in Child Nutrition Programs:

https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/smoothies-offered

Vegetable Subgroups in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cacfp/crediting/vegetable_subgroups_cacfp.pdf

Vegetables Component (CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Child and Adult Care Food Program webpage):

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

Webinar: Crediting Vegetable Noodles and Coconut in the Child Nutrition Programs (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/crediting-vegetable-noodles-and-coconut-child-nutrition-programs

Water Availability During Meal Service

Grab and Go Lesson: Offering and Making Water Available in Child Care (ICN): https://theicn.org/resources/1538/nutrition-and-meal-management/117771/offering-and-making-water-available-in-child-care.pdf

Offering Water in the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program (USDA): https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/offering-water-cacfp

USDA Memo CACFP 18-2016: Water Availability in the Child and Adult Care Food Program: https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/water-availability-child-and-adult-care-food-program

USDA Memo CACFP 20-2016: Resources for Making Potable Water Available in Schools and Child Care Facilities:

https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/resources-making-potable-water-available-schools-and-child-care-facilities-0

For more information, visit the CSDE's 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/resources_cacfp_meal_patterns.pdf.

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