What's in a Meal Module 11 Worksheet: Crediting Fruits in the School Nutrition Programs

Indicate if the planned serving credits as ½ cup of the fruits component in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and Afterschool Snack Program (ASP) meal patterns for grades K-12. Explain why and indicate any crediting considerations.

Note: The minimum daily serving of the fruits component at breakfast (which may include vegetable substitutions) is 1 cup for grades K-12. The minimum daily serving of the fruits component at lunch is ½ cup for grades K-5 and 6-8 and 1 cup for grades 9-12. The minimum serving of the fruits component in the ASP meal pattern is ¾ cup for grades K-12.

Planned serving	Credits as ½ cup?	Explanation and crediting considerations
Menu item 1: ½ cup of red grapes	□ Yes □ No	
Menu item 2: 1/2 cup of drained canned fruit	□ Yes □ No	
Menu item 3: ½ cup of canned fruit with juice	□ Yes □ No	
Menu item 4: ½ cup of canned fruit in water	□ Yes □ No	
Menu item 5: ½ cup of canned fruit in heavy syrup	□ Yes □ No	

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Planned serving	Credits as ½ cup?	Explanation and crediting considerations
Menu item 6: ½ cup of dried fruit	□ Yes □ No	
Menu item 7: ½ cup of thawed frozen fruit	□ Yes □ No	
Menu item 8: ½ cup of 100% fruit juice	□ Yes □ No	
Menu item 9: ½ cup of pureed fruit in a smoothie	□ Yes □ No	

For more information on the crediting requirements for the fruits component in the NSLP, SBP, and ASP meal patterns, visit the "Fruits" section of the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) Crediting Foods in School Nutrition Programs webpage.

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The CSDE's *What's in a Meal* training program is a series of recorded modules that provide comprehensive guidance on complying with the meal patterns for grades K-12 in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), Afterschool Snack Program (ASP) of the NSLP, and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) of the NSLP. To access the training modules, visit the CSDE's Meal Pattern Training for School Nutrition Programs.

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