National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program Meal Patterns for Grades K-12

Answer Key for Module 15 Worksheet: Meal or No Meal Lunch Edition

Each lunch menu below is planned to provide at least the minimum daily serving of the required lunch meal pattern components for each grade group, including meat/meat alternates (MMA), grains ( G ), fruits ( F ), vegetables ( V ), and milk (M). Review the lunch menu and determine if each student has selected a reimbursable meal. Students must select at least two full components and at least $1 / 2$ cup of fruits or vegetables for a reimbursable meal.

## Lunch Menu for Grades K-5



The planned elementary school lunch menu includes a turkey sandwich (2 ounce equivalents (oz eq) MMA) with lettuce and tomato ( $1 / 4$ cup V) on whole-wheat bread ( 2 oz eq G), carrot sticks ( $1 / 2$ cup V), red apple ( $1 / 2$ cup F), and a choice of low-fat or fat-free milk ( 1 cup $M$ ).

| Student selects | Meal or no meal? |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | $\nabla \geq 2$ full components: G, MMA <br> $\nabla \geq 1 / 2 \operatorname{cup} F$ or $V: V^{1 ⁄ 2}$ cup <br> V Meal <br> No meal |
|  | $\geq 2$ full components: $\mathrm{G}, \mathrm{MMA}, \mathrm{F}^{*}$ <br> V $\geq 1 / 2 \operatorname{cup}$ F or V <br> Meal <br> No meal <br> * Since the student already selected the full serving of two components (G and MMA), the $1 / 2$ cup of apple (which is the full serving for grades K-5) meets the OVS requirement for at least $1 / 2$ cup of fruits or vegetables. |
|  | $\nabla \geq 2$ full components: $\mathrm{F}, \mathrm{M}$ <br> $\nabla \geq 1 / 2$ cup F or $\mathrm{V}: \mathrm{V}^{1} / 2$ cup <br> Meal <br> No meal |

Lunch Menu for Grades K-5, continued

| Student selects | Meal or no meal? |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | $\boxed{\text { a }} \geq 2$ full components: G, MMA, M |
|  | $\square \geq 1 / 2$ cup F or V: The lettuce and tomato |
| provide $1 / 4$ cup of vegetables, which is less than |  |
| the required $1 / 2$-cup serving. |  |
| $\square$ Meal $\quad \square$ No meal |  |

## Lunch Menu for Grades 6-8



The planned middle school lunch menu includes spaghetti ( $2 \mathrm{oz} \mathrm{eq} G$ ) and meat sauce ( 2 oz eq MMA and $1 / 2 \operatorname{cup} V$ ), tossed salad ( $1 / 2 \operatorname{cup} V$ ), whole-grain roll ( 1 oz eq G), orange juice ( $1 / 2$ cup F, and a choice of low-fat or fat-free milk choice of low-fat or fat-free milk ( 1 cup M).

| Student selects | Meal or no meal? |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \nabla \geq 2 \text { full components: MMA, G, M } \\ \nabla \geq 1 / 2 \text { cup F or } V: V 1 / 2 \text { cup } \\ \nabla \text { Meal } \quad \square \text { No meal } \end{gathered}$ |
|  | $\geq 2$ full components: MMA, $\mathrm{G}, \mathrm{V}^{*}$ <br> $\geq 1 / 2$ cup F or V <br> Meal No meal <br> * Since the student already selected the full serving of two components (G and MMA) the full serving of vegetables (which includes the $1 / 2$ cup of tomato sauce and $1 / 2$ cup of tossed salad) also meets the requirement for at least $1 / 2$ cup of fruits or vegetables. |

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Lunch Menu for Grades 6-8, continued

| Student selects | Meal or no meal? |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \nabla \geq 2 \text { full components: MMA, G, M } \\ & \nabla \geq 1 / 2 \text { cup F or } V: V 1 / 2 \text { cup } \\ & \nabla \text { Meal } \quad \square \text { No meal } \end{aligned}$ |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \nabla \geq 2 \text { full components: M, F } \\ \nabla \geq 1 / 2 \text { cup } \mathrm{F} \text { or } \mathrm{V}: \mathrm{V} 1 / 2 \text { cup } \\ \nabla \text { Meal } \quad \square \text { No meal } \end{gathered}$ |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \nabla \geq 2 \text { full components: G, M } \\ & \nabla \geq 1 / 2 \text { cup F or } V: F^{1 / 2} \text { cup, } \\ & \nabla \text { Meal } \quad \square \text { No meal } \end{aligned}$ |
|  | $\geq 2$ full components: G, F <br> $\geq 1 / 2$ cup $F$ or $V$ : The full serving of fruit juice counts as either one full component or the required $1 / 2$ cup for OVS but cannot count as both. Meal <br> No meal |

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## Lunch Menu 1 for Grades 9-12



The first planned high school lunch menu includes cheese pizza with whole-grain rich crust ( 2 oz eq MMA and ( 2 oz eq G), broccoli ( $1 / 2$ cup $V$ ), canned corn ( $1 / 2$ cup $V$ ), red grapes ( $1 / 2$ cup F), cantaloupe ( $1 / 2 \operatorname{cup}$ F), and a choice of low-fat or fat-free milk choice of low-fat or fat-free milk (1 cup M).

| Student selects | Meal or no meal? |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \nabla \geq 2 \text { full components: MMA, G, M } \\ & \square \geq 1 / 2 \text { cup F or } V \\ & \quad \square \text { Meal } \quad \square \text { No meal } \end{aligned}$ |
|  | $\nabla \geq 2$ full components: MMA, G, M $\nabla \geq 1 / 2 \operatorname{cup} \mathrm{~F}$ or $\mathrm{V}: \mathrm{V} 3 / 4 \operatorname{cup}$ (pizza sauce and broccoli) <br> Meal No meal |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \nabla \geq 2 \text { full components: MMA, G } \\ & \nabla \geq 1 / 2 \text { cup F or } V: F^{1 / 2} \text { cup } \\ & \nabla \text { Meal } \quad \square \text { No meal } \end{aligned}$ |
|  | $\nabla \geq 2$ full components: $\mathrm{V}, \mathrm{M}$ <br> $\nabla \geq 1 / 2 \operatorname{cup} F$ or $V: F^{1 / 2}$ cup <br> Meal <br> No meal |

## Lunch Menu 2 for Grades 9-12



The second planned high school lunch menu includes a salad plate ( 1 cup $V$ ), yogurt ( 1 oz eq MMA), cheese stick ( 1 oz eq MMA), whole grain-crackers ( 2 oz eq G), sliced oranges ( $1 / 2$ cup F), blueberries ( $1 / 2$ cup F), and a choice of low-fat or fat-free milk choice of low-fat or fatfree milk (1 cup M).

| Student selects | Meal or no meal? |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | $\nabla \geq 2$ full components: MMA, G, M <br> V $\geq 1 / 2 \operatorname{cup} \mathrm{~F}$ or $\mathrm{V}: \mathrm{F}^{1 / 2}$ cup <br> Meal <br> No meal |
|  | $\square \geq 2$ full components: G <br> $\nabla \geq 1 / 2$ cup $F$ or $V: \mathrm{F}^{1 / 2}$ cup, Meal <br> V No meal |
|  | $\geq 2$ full components: MMA, F <br> $\geq 1 / 2$ cup F or V: The full serving of fruit counts as either one full component or the required $1 / 2$ cup for OVS but cannot count as both. <br> Meal <br> No meal |
|  | $\nabla \geq 2$ full components: G, M <br> V $\geq 1 / 2$ cup F or $\mathrm{V}: \mathrm{F}^{1 / 2}$ cup <br> Meal <br> No meal |
|  | $\nabla \geq 2$ full components: $\mathrm{V}, \mathrm{M}$ <br> V $\geq 1 / 2$ cup F or $\mathrm{V}: \mathrm{F}^{1 / 2}$ cup <br> Meal <br> No meal |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \nabla \geq 2 \text { full components: } \mathrm{V}, \mathrm{G}, \mathrm{~F}^{1 ⁄ 2} \text { cup } \\ & \nabla \geq 1 / 2 \text { cup F or } \mathrm{V} \\ & \quad \nabla \text { Meal } \quad \square \text { No meal } \end{aligned}$ |

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## Lunch Menu 3 for Grades 9-12



The third planned high school lunch menu includes a cheeseburger ( 2 oz eq MMA) with lettuce and tomato ( $1 / 4 \operatorname{cup} \mathrm{~V}$ ) on a whole grainrich bun ( 2 oz eq G ), sweet potato fries ( 1 cup V), kiwi ( $1 / 2$ cup $F$ ), fresh plums ( $1 / 2$ cup $F$ ), and a choice of low-fat or fat-free milk ( 1 cup M ).

| Student's selections | Meal or no meal? |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | $\nabla \geq 2$ full components <br> $\square \geq 1 / 2 \operatorname{cup}$ F or $V$ Meal <br> No meal |
|  | $\nabla \geq 2$ full components <br> V $\geq 1 / 2 \operatorname{cup} \mathrm{~F}$ or V <br> Meal <br> No meal |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \nabla \geq 2 \text { full components } \\ & \nabla \geq 1 / 2 \text { cup } F \text { or } V \end{aligned}$ |
|  | $\nabla \geq 2$ full components <br> V $\geq 1 / 2 \operatorname{cup}$ F or $V$ No meal |

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