Afterschool Snack Program Meal Pattern Requirements



Snack (Select two of the five components for a reimbursable snack)

Food Components and Food Items	Ages 3-5	Grades K-12
Fluid Milk	4 fluid ounces	8 fluid ounces (1 cup)
Vegetables Or Fruit		
100% juice, fruit, and/or vegetable	1/2 cup	3/4 cup
Grains		
Whole grain-rich or enriched bread	1/2 slice	1 slice
Cornbread, biscuit, roll or muffin	1/2 serving	1 serving
Cooked cereal grains	1/4 cup	1/2 cup
Cooked Pasta or noodles	1/4 cup	1/2 cup
Meat/meat alternates		
Lean meat, poultry, or fish	1/2 ounce	1 ounce
Tofu, soy product, or alternate protein products	1/2 ounce	1 ounce
Cheese	1/2 ounce	1 ounce
Large egg	1/2	1/2 egg
Cooked dry beans or peas	1/8 cup	1/4 cup
Peanut butter or soy nut butter or other nut or seed butters	1 Tbsp	2 Tbsp.
Peanuts, soy nuts, tree nuts, or seeds	1/2 ounce	1 ounce
Yogurt, plain or flavored unsweetened or sweetened	2 ounces or 1/4 cup	4 ounces or 1/2 cup

Children 12 and older may be served larger portions based on their greater food needs. They may not be served less than the minimum quantities listed in this chart.

Component Specific Information

Beverage Limit:

 Only one of two components may be a beverage (milk, and juice are considered beverages).



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Milk:

Milk must be only low-fat or non-fat milk

Meat/Meat Alternate Products:

- Alternate protein products must meet requirements in Appendix A of 7 CFR Part 210.
 Conform to FNS guidance at: https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2013-title7-vol4/pdf/CFR-2013-title7-vol4-part210-appA.pdf.
- A serving consists only of the edible portion of cooked lean meat or poultry or fish.

Yogurt:

 Yogurt must be commercially prepared, and may be plain or flavored, unsweetened, or sweetened.

Vegetables or Fruit:

May be fulfilled using any combination of vegetable(s), fruit(s), and juice. 100% vegetable
and/or fruit juice only.

Grains:

- Grains must be whole-grain or enriched, or made from whole-grain or enriched flour or meal that may include bran, and/or germ. Cereal must be whole-grain, enriched, or fortified.
- Only two sweets per week are permitted in the snack program, providing the item meets grain requirements (pg.2-3, Food Buying Guide)
- Cold dry cereal must be given in either volume (cup) or weight (oz), whichever is less; 1/2 cup granola; 1 1/4 cup puffed cereal.

Adapted from the USDA Food Buying Guide pg. 1-15