

National School Lunch Meal Pattern

Food Components	Grade K - 5	Grade 6 – 8	Grade K – 8	Grade 9 - 12
Milk	5 cups/week (1 cup daily)	5 cups/week (1 cup daily)	5 cups/week (1 cup daily)	5 cups/week (1 cup daily)
Meat or Meat Alternates	8 oz equivalent/week (1 oz daily minimum)	9 oz equivalent/week (1 oz daily minimum)	9 oz equivalent/week (1 oz daily minimum)	10 oz equivalent/week (2 oz daily minimum)
Grains <small>-All whole grain-rich beginning School Year 2014-2015</small>	8 oz equivalent/week (1 oz daily minimum)	8 oz equivalent/week (1 oz daily minimum)	8 oz equivalent/week (1 oz daily minimum)	10 oz equivalent/week (2 oz daily minimum)
Fruits	2½ cups/week (½ cup daily minimum)	2½ cups/week (½ cup daily minimum)	2½ cups/week (½ cup daily minimum)	5 cups/week (1 cup daily minimum)
Vegetables (total)	3¾ cups/week (¾ cup daily minimum)	3¾ cups/week (¾ cup daily minimum)	3¾ cups/week (¾ cup daily minimum)	5 cups/week (1 cup daily minimum)
<i>Dark Green Subgroup</i>	½ cup/wk	½ cup/wk	½ cup/wk	½ cup/wk
<i>Red / Orange Subgroup</i>	¾ cup/wk	¾ cup/wk	¾ cup/wk	1¼ cup/wk
<i>Legumes Subgroup</i>	½ cup/wk	½ cup/wk	½ cup/wk	½ cup/wk
<i>Starchy Subgroup</i>	½ cup/wk	½ cup/wk	½ cup/wk	½ cup/wk
<i>Other Subgroup</i>	½ cup/wk	½ cup/wk	½ cup/wk	¾ cup/wk
Minimum – Maximum Calories (kcal) <small>-Weekly average</small>	550 – 650	600 – 700	600 – 650	750 - 850
Saturated Fat (% of total calories) <small>-Weekly average</small>	<10%	<10%	<10%	<10%
Sodium* <small>-Weekly average</small>	≤1230 mg*	≤1360 mg*	≤1230 mg*	≤1420 mg*
Trans Fat	0 grams / serving	0 grams / serving	0 grams / serving	0 grams / serving

*Increasingly restrictive targets in School Year 2017-18 and School Year 2022-23