3-Day Meal Pattern

Serve Only	Offer Versus Serve
 Minimum 3 items daily Must prepare each of the 3 required items in required amounts: Milk, Fruit/Juice/Vegetable, Grain/Meat or Meat Alternate Students must have all items at POS 	 Minimum 4 items daily Must prepare each of the 3 required items in required amounts along with 1 additional item (Fruit, Juice, Vegetable, Grain, or Meat/Meat Alternate) Students must have at least 3 items at POS, 1 item must be a ½ cup Fruit/Juice/Vegetable

Required	Grades K-5	Grades 6-8	Grades K-8	Grades 9-12	Grades K-12
Fluid Milk (cups) All fluid milk must be fat-free (skim) or low- fat (1% or less). Milk may be flavored or unflavored, provided that unflavored milk is offered at each meal service.	1 cup daily	1 cup daily	1 cup daily	1 cup daily	1 cup daily
Fruit/Juice/Vegetable (cups) All juice must be 100% full-strength, and no more than half of the weekly offerings may be in the form of juice.	1 cup daily	1 cup daily	1 cup daily	1 cup daily	1 cup daily
Grains or Meat/Meat Alternates (oz eq) Schools may offer grains, meats/meat alternates, or a combination of both. At least 80 percent of grains offered weekly must be whole grain-rich, and the remaining grain items offered must be enriched.	1 oz eq daily 4-6 oz eq weekly	1 oz eq daily 5-6 oz eq weekly	1 oz eq daily 5-6 oz eq weekly	1 oz eq daily 5.5-6 oz eq weekly	1 oz eq daily 5.5-6 oz eq weekly
Dietary Specifications: Dietar	Daily Amount E	Based on the A	verage for a 5	-Day Week	
Calories Weekly Average	350-500	400-550	400-500	450-600	450-500
Saturated Fat (% of total calories) Weekly Average	≤ 10				
Sodium (mg) Weekly Average In place through June 30, 2027	≤ 540	≤ 600	≤ 540	≤ 640	≤ 540
Sodium (mg) Weekly Average Must be implemented by July 1, 2027	≤ 485	≤ 535	≤ 485	≤ 570	≤ 485
Added Sugars (% of total calories) Must be implemented by July 1, 2027			≤ 10		

4-Day Meal Pattern

Serve Only	Offer Versus Serve
 Minimum 3 items daily Must prepare each of the 3 required items in required amounts: Milk, Fruit/Juice/Vegetable, Grain/Meat or Meat Alternate Students must have all items at POS 	 Minimum 4 items daily Must prepare each of the 3 required items in required amounts along with 1 additional item (Fruit, Juice, Vegetable, Grain, or Meat/Meat Alternate) Students must have at least 3 items at POS, 1 item must be a ½ cup Fruit/Juice/Vegetable

Required	Grades K-5	Grades 6-8	Grades K-8	Grades 9-12	Grades K-12
Fluid Milk (cups) All fluid milk must be fat-free (skim) or low- fat (1% or less). Milk may be flavored or unflavored, provided that unflavored milk is offered at each meal service.	1 cup daily	1 cup daily	1 cup daily	1 cup daily	1 cup daily
Fruit/Juice/Vegetable (cups) All juice must be 100% full-strength, and no more than half of the weekly offerings may be in the form of juice.	1 cup daily	1 cup daily	1 cup daily	1 cup daily	1 cup daily
Grains or Meat/Meat Alternates (oz eq) Schools may offer grains, meats/meat alternates, or a combination of both. At least 80 percent of grains offered weekly must be whole grain-rich, and the remaining grain items offered must be enriched.	1 oz eq daily 5.5-8 oz eq weekly	1 oz eq daily 6.5-8 oz eq weekly	1 oz eq daily 6.5-8 oz eq weekly	1 oz eq daily 7-8 oz eq weekly	1 oz eq daily 7-8 oz eq weekly
Dietary Specifications:	Daily Amount E	Based on the A	verage for a 5	-Day Week	
Calories Weekly Average	350-500	400-550	400-500	450-600	450-500
Saturated Fat (% of total calories) Weekly Average	≤ 10				
Sodium (mg) Weekly Average In place through June 30, 2027	≤ 540	≤ 600	≤ 540	≤ 640	≤ 540
Sodium (mg) Weekly Average Must be implemented by July 1, 2027	≤ 485	≤ 535	≤ 485	≤ 570	≤ 485
Added Sugars (% of total calories) Must be implemented by July 1, 2027			≤ 10		

5-Day Meal Pattern

Serve Only	Offer Versus Serve
 Minimum 3 items daily Must prepare each of the 3 required items in required amounts: Milk, Fruit/Juice/Vegetable, Grain/Meat or Meat Alternate Students must have all items at POS 	 Minimum 4 items daily Must prepare each of the 3 required items in required amounts along with 1 additional item (Fruit, Juice, Vegetable, Grain, or Meat/Meat Alternate) Students must have at least 3 items at POS, 1 item must be a ½ cup Fruit/Juice/Vegetable

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Required	Grades K-5	Grades 6-8	Grades K-8	Grades 9-12	Grades K-12
Fluid Milk (cups) All fluid milk must be fat-free (skim) or low- fat (1% or less). Milk may be flavored or unflavored, provided that unflavored milk is offered at each meal service.	1 cup daily				
Fruit/Juice/Vegetable (cups) All juice must be 100% full-strength, and no more than half of the weekly offerings may be in the form of juice.	1 cup daily				
Grains or Meat/Meat Alternates (oz eq) Schools may offer grains, meats/meat alternates, or a combination of both. At least 80 percent of grains offered weekly must be whole grain-rich, and the remaining grain items offered must be enriched.	1 oz eq daily 7-10 oz eq weekly	1 oz eq daily 8-10 oz eq weekly	1 oz eq daily 8-10 oz eq weekly	1 oz eq daily 9-10 oz eq weekly	1 oz eq daily 9-10 oz eq weekly
Dietary Specifications: D	Daily Amount E	Based on the A	verage for a 5	-Day Week	
Calories Weekly Average	350-500	400-550	400-500	450-600	450-500
Saturated Fat (% of total calories) Weekly Average	≤ 10				
Sodium (mg) Weekly Average In place through June 30, 2027	≤ 540	≤ 600	≤ 540	≤ 640	≤ 540
Sodium (mg) Weekly Average Must be implemented by July 1, 2027	≤ 485	≤ 535	≤ 485	≤ 570	≤ 485
Added Sugars (% of total calories) Must be implemented by July 1, 2027			≤ 10		

6-Day Meal Pattern

Serve Only	Offer Versus Serve
 Minimum 3 items daily Must prepare each of the 3 required items in required amounts: Milk, Fruit/Juice/Vegetable, Grain/Meat or Meat Alternate Students must have all items at POS 	 Minimum 4 items daily Must prepare each of the 3 required items in required amounts along with 1 additional item (Fruit, Juice, Vegetable, Grain, or Meat/Meat Alternate) Students must have at least 3 items at POS, 1 item must be a ½ cup Fruit/Juice/Vegetable

Required	Grades K-5	Grades 6-8	Grades K-8	Grades 9-12	Grades K-12
Fluid Milk (cups) All fluid milk must be fat-free (skim) or low- fat (1% or less). Milk may be flavored or unflavored, provided that unflavored milk is offered at each meal service.	1 cup daily	1 cup daily	1 cup daily	1 cup daily	1 cup daily
Fruit/Juice/Vegetable (cups) All juice must be 100% full-strength, and no more than half of the weekly offerings may be in the form of juice.	1 cup daily	1 cup daily	1 cup daily	1 cup daily	1 cup daily
Grains or Meat/Meat Alternates (oz eq) Schools may offer grains, meats/meat alternates, or a combination of both. At least 80 percent of grains offered weekly must be whole grain-rich, and the remaining grain items offered must be enriched.	1 oz eq daily 8.5-12 oz eq weekly	1 oz eq daily 9.5-12 oz eq weekly	1 oz eq daily 9.5-12 oz eq weekly	1 oz eq daily 11-12 oz eq weekly	1 oz eq daily 11-12 oz eq weekly
Dietary Specifications: [Daily Amount E	Based on the A	verage for a 5	-Day Week	
Calories Weekly Average	350-500	400-550	400-500	450-600	450-500
Saturated Fat (% of total calories) Weekly Average	≤ 10				
Sodium (mg) Weekly Average In place through June 30, 2027	≤ 540	≤ 600	≤ 540	≤ 640	≤ 540
Sodium (mg) Weekly Average Must be implemented by July 1, 2027	≤ 485	≤ 535	≤ 485	≤ 570	≤ 485
Added Sugars (% of total calories) Must be implemented by July 1, 2027			≤ 10		

7-Day Meal Pattern

Serve Only	Offer Versus Serve
 Minimum 3 items daily Must prepare each of the 3 required items in required amounts: Milk, Fruit/Juice/Vegetable, Grain/Meat or Meat Alternate Students must have all items at POS 	 Minimum 4 items daily Must prepare each of the 3 required items in required amounts along with 1 additional item (Fruit, Juice, Vegetable, Grain, or Meat/Meat Alternate) Students must have at least 3 items at POS, 1 item must be a ½ cup Fruit/Juice/Vegetable

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Required	Grades K-5	Grades 6-8	Grades K-8	Grades 9-12	Grades K-12
Fluid Milk (cups) All fluid milk must be fat-free (skim) or low- fat (1% or less). Milk may be flavored or unflavored, provided that unflavored milk is offered at each meal service.	1 cup daily	1 cup daily	1 cup daily	1 cup daily	1 cup daily
Fruit/Juice/Vegetable (cups) All juice must be 100% full-strength, and no more than half of the weekly offerings may be in the form of juice.	1 cup daily	1 cup daily	1 cup daily	1 cup daily	1 cup daily
Grains or Meat/Meat Alternates (oz eq) Schools may offer grains, meats/meat alternates, or a combination of both. At least 80 percent of grains offered weekly must be whole grain-rich, and the remaining grain items offered must be enriched.	1 oz eq daily 10-14 oz eq weekly	1 oz eq daily 11-14 oz eq weekly	1 oz eq daily 11-14 oz eq weekly	1 oz eq daily 12.5-14 oz eq weekly	1 oz eq daily 12.5-14 oz eq weekly
Dietary Specifications: I	Daily Amount E	Based on the A	verage for a 5	-Day Week	
Calories Weekly Average	350-500	400-550	400-500	450-600	450-500
Saturated Fat (% of total calories) Weekly Average	≤ 10				
Sodium (mg) Weekly Average In place through June 30, 2027	≤ 540	≤ 600	≤ 540	≤ 640	≤ 540
Sodium (mg) Weekly Average Must be implemented by July 1, 2027	≤ 485	≤ 535	≤ 485	≤ 570	≤ 485
Added Sugars (% of total calories) Must be implemented by July 1, 2027			≤ 10		