# Meal Patterns and Food Buying Guide

New Jersey Department of Agriculture – School Nutrition Programs

## Goals for this Webinar

- 1. Review and discuss the meal patterns for the NSLP and SBP
- 2. Discuss the requirements of each component as they pertain to the meal patterns
- 3. Review meeting daily and weekly requirements for all components
- 4. Explore the Food Buying Guide

## National School Lunch Program Meal Pattern

- O All **5** components must be offered daily
  - Fruits
  - Vegetables
  - Grains
  - Meat/Meat Alternates
  - O Milk



#### LUNCH MEAL PATTERN (FIVE-DAY WEEK)

Form #198 Revised 5/19

Required Meal	Grades Pre-K	Gra	des K-5	Gra	des 6-8	Grad	es K-8	Grad	es 9-12
Components	3-5 years	Daily	Weekly	Daily	Weekly	Daily	Weekly	Daily	Weekly
Fruits (Cups)	1/4	1/2	2 1/2	1/2	2 1/2	1/2	2 1/2	1	5
Vegetables (Cups)	1/4	3/4	3 %	3/4	3 %	3/4	3 ¾	1	5
Dark Green Red/Orange Beans/Peas (Legumes) Starchy Other Additional to reach total			½ ¾ ½ ½ ½		½ ¾ ½ ½ ½		% % % % %		½ 1% ½ ½ % 1½
Grains (oz. equivalents)	1/2	1	8-9**	1	8-10**	1	8-9**	2	10-12**
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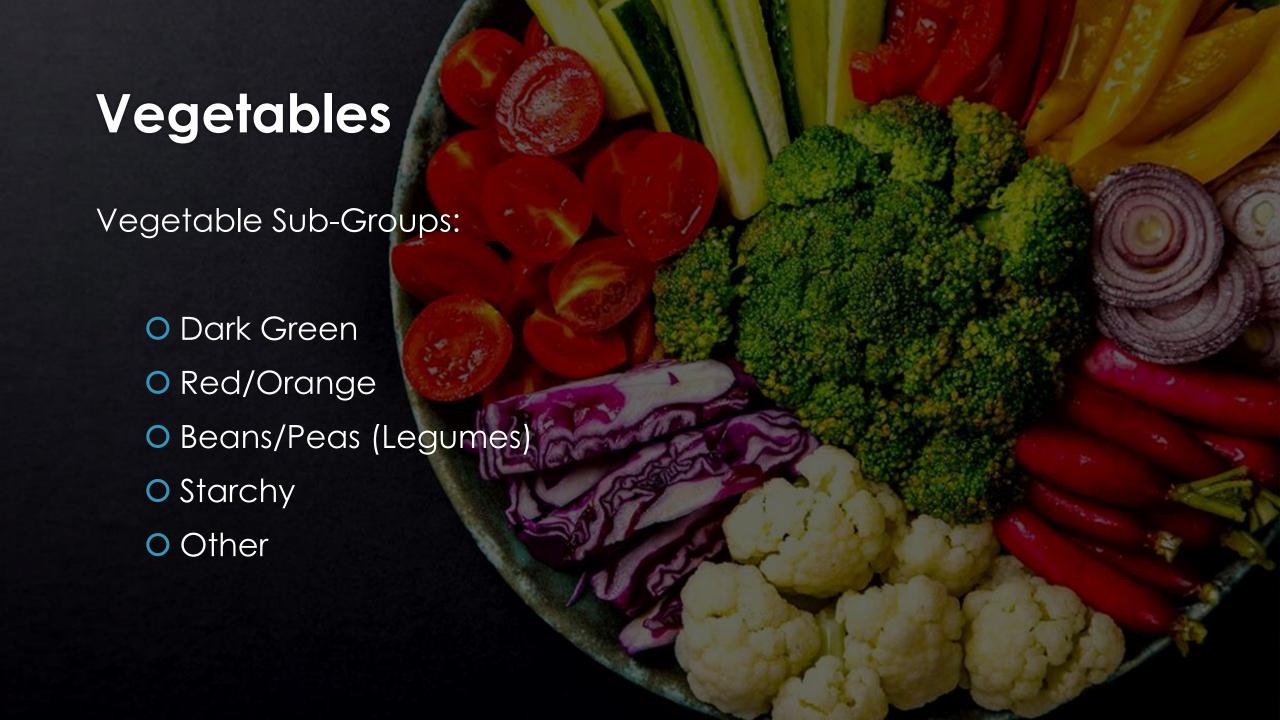
Required Dietary Specifications	Grades Pre-K	<u>Grades K-5</u>	Grades 6-8	Grades K-8	Grades 9-12
Calorie Range (daily average)	•	550-650	600-700	600-650	750-850
Saturated Fat (% of total calories)	-	<10	<10	<10	<10
Trans Fat (grams)	-	0	0	0	0
Sodium (milligrams)	-	1230 mg or less	1360 mg or less	1230 mg or less	1420 mg or less

## **Fruits**

## Varieties:

- O Fresh
- Frozen
- O Canned in light syrup, water or 100% fruit juice
- O Dried
- 100% pasteurized fruit juice





## Grains

- At least half of the grain items offered must be whole grain-rich
- Grains are credited in ounce equivalents.
- Form 33 Exhibit A: Grain
   Requirements for Child Nutrition
   Programs should be used when menu planning

## EXAMPLES OF WHOLE GRAINS. TRY A NEW ONE EVERYDAY!



#### Hamburger Buns, WG, Sliced, 3.75" (#472)



Nutrition Facts							
Serving 1 Hambu	rger Bun (57g)						
Amount per serving Calories	110						
	% Daily Value*						
Total Fat 1g	1%						
Saturated Fat 0g	0%						
Trans Fat 0g							

These whole grain 2oz Hamburger Buns are the perfect carrier for any delicious, juicy hamburger, chicken sandwich or turkey burger. Meeting a 2 grain requirement, these buns are produced in a nut-free

#### **General Specifications**

Pack: 120/2 oz Kosher: Kof-K

Shelf Life: 5 days at ambient. 365 days frozen.

Status: Available

#### SCHOOL SPECIFICATIONS

Nutritional Ratio: 8-0-4

OZ Grain Equivalents: 2.0 Whole Grain: 20.01g, 56% Enriched Flour: 15.91g Combined Flour 35.92g

#### INGREDIENTS

Whole Wheat Flour, Enriched Wheat Flour, (Wheat Flour, Malted Barley Flour, Niacin, Reduced Iron, Thiamine Mononitrate, Riboflavin, Folic Acid), Water, Sugar, Yeast, Contains Less Than 2% Of Calcium

57 grams ÷ 28 grams

= 2.04

= 2 ounce equivalents

### Crediting Grains Using Form #33 – Exhibit A

Form 33 Rev 09.2019

#### EXHIBIT A: GRAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS<sup>1,2</sup>

Color Key: Footnote 5 = Blue, Footnote 3 or 4 = Red

Group A	Ounce Equivalent (Oz Eq) for Group A	Minimum Serving Size for Group A
Bread type coating	1 oz eq = 22 gm or 0.8 oz	1 serving = 20 gm or 0.7 oz
Bread sticks (hard)	3/4 oz eq = 17 gm or 0.6 oz	3/4 serving = 15 gm or 0.5 oz
Chow Mein noodles	1/2 oz eq = 11 gm or 0.4 oz	1/2 serving = 10 gm or 0.4 oz
<ul> <li>Savory Crackers (saltines and snack crackers)</li> </ul>	1/4  oz eq = 6  gm or  0.2  oz	1/4  serving = 5  gm or  0.2  oz
Croutons		
Pretzels (hard)		
Stuffing (dry) Note: weights apply to bread in stuffing.		
Group B	Oz Eq for Group B	Minimum Serving Size for Group B
Bagels	1 oz eq = 28 gm or 1.0 oz	1 serving = 25 gm or 0.9 oz
Batter type coating	3/4 oz eq = 21 gm or 0.75 oz	3/4 serving = 19 gm or 0.7 oz
Biscuits	1/2 oz eq = 14 gm or 0.5 oz	1/2 serving = 13 gm or 0.5 oz
<ul> <li>Breads - all (for example sliced, French, Italian)</li> </ul>	1/4  oz eq = 7  gm or  0.25  oz	1/4 serving = 6 gm or 0.2 oz
Buns (hamburger and hot dog)		
<ul> <li>Sweet Crackers<sup>5</sup> (graham crackers - all shapes, animal</li> </ul>		
crackers)		
Egg roll skins		
English muffins		
Pita bread		
Pizza crust		
Pretzels (soft)		
• Rolls		
Tortillas		
Tortilla chips		
Taco shells     Taco shells		

In NSLP and SBP (grades K-12), all grains served must meet whole grain-rich criteria. For information on flexibilities, please contact your State agency. For all other Child Nutrition Programs, grains are whole grain or enriched or made with enriched or whole-grain meal and/or flour, bran, and/or germ. Under CACFP child and adult meal patterns, and in NSLP/SBP preschool meals, at least one grain serving per day must meet whole grain-rich criteria.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For NSLP and SBP (grades K-12), grain quantities are determined using ounce equivalents (oz eq). All other Child Nutrition Programs determine grain quantities using grains/bread servings, Beginning Oct. 1, 2019, grain quantities in CACFP and NSLP/SBP infant and preschool meals will be determined using oz eq. Some of the following grains may contain more sugar, salt, and/or fat than others. This should be a consideration when deciding how often to serve them.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Allowed in NSLP (up to 2.0 oz eq grain-based dessert per week in grades K-12) as specified in §210.10. May count towards the grain component in SBP (grades K-12), CACFP, NSLP/SBP infant and preschool meals, and SFSP.

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# Meat/Meat Alternates



#### • Examples:

- Lean meats, poultry, fish or cheese
- Cooked/Dried beans & peas (legumes)
- Eggs
- Nut or Seed Butters
- Nuts and Seeds
- Yogurts
- O Commercial Tofu

## Milk

At least 2 varieties of fluid milk must be offered daily:

- Non-fat
  - White or Flavored
- Low-fat
  - White or Flavored

Milk must be offered in 8 oz portions



## School Breakfast Program Meal Pattern

- O Four items from the following 3 components must be offered daily:
  - O Fruits
  - Grains
  - O Milk



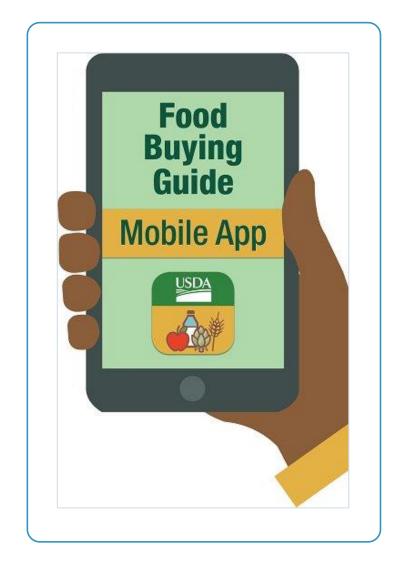
### **BREAKFAST MEAL PATTERN**

(FIVE-DAY WEEK)

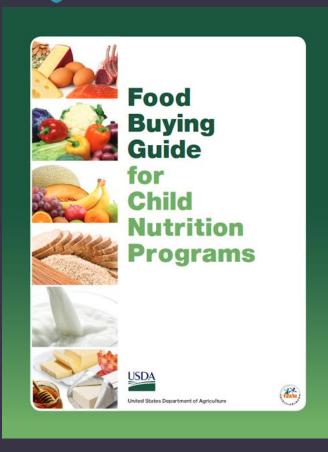
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Fruit (Cups)	1	5	1	5	1	5	1	5
Grains (oz. eq.)	1	7-10**	1	8-10**	1	8-10**	1	9-10**
Milk (Cups)	1	5	1	5	1	5	1	5

Required Nutrient Standards	Grades K-5	Grades 6-8	Grades K-8	Grades 9-12
Standards				
Calorie Range (daily average over week)	350-500	400-550	400-500	450-600
Saturated Fat (% of total calories)	<10	<10	<10	<10
Trans Fat (grams)	0	0	0	0
Sodium (milligrams)	540 mg or less	600 mg or less	540 mg or less	640 mg or less

# Food Buying Guide



### Features and Benefits



- The FBG Calculator
- Exhibit A Grains Tool
- Recipe Analysis Workbook
- Create a shopping list to assist in ordering and purchasing food
- Save your favorite foods to access later
- Email and print all your search results

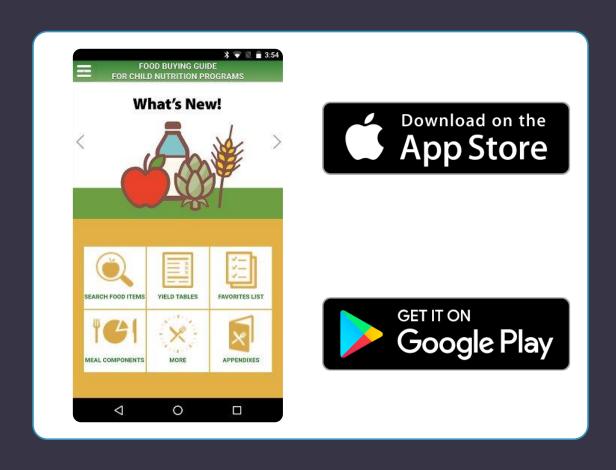
# Accessing the Food Buying Guide

#### Web Address:

https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.go v/Home/Home

#### Download the App:

Available for both iOS and Android platforms



# Thank You for Attending the Meal Patterns & Food Buying Guide Overview Webinar

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**Key Area: Nutrition** 

**Learning Topic: 1100 Menu Planning** 

**Topic Code: 1110 USDA Nutrition Requirements** 

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