## Meal Pattern Requirements

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## Menu Planner

- Plan meals that:
- Compliant with federal regulations
- Pleasing to students (choices, cultural diversity,...)
- Can be prepared within the limits of the operation
- Should communicate with:
- Cooks, Servers, Cashiers so they understand how the meal is reimbursable


## Menu Planning: Grade Groups

- K-5, 6-8, 9-12
- Average calories per week requirements

|  | K-5 | 6-8 | $9-12$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Breakfast <br> Average <br> Calories/week | $350-500$ | $400-550$ | $450-600$ |
| Lunch <br> Average <br> Calories/week | $550-650$ | $600-700$ | $750-850$ |

## Menu Planning: Grade Groups

- K-5, 6-8, 9-12
- Average sodium per week requirements - SY24

|  | K-5 | $6-8$ | $9-12$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Breakfast <br> Average <br> Calories/week | $\leq 540 \mathrm{mg}$ | $\leq 600 \mathrm{mg}$ | $\leq 640 \mathrm{mg}$ |
| Lunch <br> Average <br> Calories/week | $\leq 1110 \mathrm{mg}$ | $\leq 1225 \mathrm{mg}$ | $\leq 1280 \mathrm{mg}$ |

## Food Based Menu Planning

- Food components
- Five food groups that comprise a reimbursable meal
- Grains
- Meat/meat alternates
- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Fluid Milk
- Minimum required amounts


## Lunch (NSLP) Meal Pattern

## 5 Required Meal Components for Lunch:

- Fluid Milk
- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Grain
- Meat/Meat Alternate



## Breakfast (SBP) Meal Pattern

## 3 Required Meal Components for Breakfast

- Fruit
- Grain
- Fluid Milk



## Fruit Component

- Fresh, Frozen, Canned, Dried, or $100 \%$ Juice
- Canned - 100\% fruit, packed in light syrup, 100\% juice, or water
- Juice - pasteurized, $100 \%$ juice, no more than half the fruit component requirement for the week.
- Dried $-1 / 4$ cup = $1 / 2$ cup serving
- Required at Breakfast and Lunch



## Fruit Component: Lunch

- Offered daily \& weekly minimum quantities
- Students may select more than the minimum serving


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## Fruit (cups)

|  | Daily | $\underline{\text { Weekly }}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Grades $\mathbf{K - 5}$ | $1 / 2$ cup | $21 / 2$ cups |
| Grades $\mathbf{6 - 8}$ | $1 / 2$ cup | $21 / 2$ cups |
| Grades $\mathbf{9 - 1 2}$ | 1 cup | 5 cups |

## Fruit Component Activity: Lunch

| Lunch | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| K-5, 6-8 | $1 / 2$ cup Grapes | 112 cup kiwi | $1 / 2$ cup orange slices | $1 / 4$ cup craisins | $1 / 2$ cup apple slices |
| 9-12 | $1 / 4$ cup applesauce <br> $1 / 4$ cup fruit cocktail | $1 / 2$ cup <br> peaches <br> $1 / 2$ cup orange wedges | $1 / 2$ cup strawberries <br> $1 / 2$ cup grapes | $1 / 2$ cup banana <br> 4 oz Orange Juice | $1 / 4$ cup craisins <br> $1 / 2$ cup apple slices |

Review the fruit options offered for lunch.
Does the amount of fruit offered meet the fruit component criteria for lunch?

## Fruit Component: Breakfast

- Offered daily \& weekly minimum quantities
- Students may select more than the minimum serving



## Fruit Component Activity: Breakfast

| Breakfast | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| K-12 | $1 / 2$ cup kiwi | $1 / 4$ cup <br> raisins | $1 / 2$ cup <br> strawberries | $1 / 2$ cup $100 \%$ <br> juice | $1 / 4$ cup <br> blueberries |
|  | $1 / 2$ cup $100 \%$ <br> juice | $1 / 2$ cup $100 \%$ <br> juice | $1 / 2$ cup $100 \%$ <br> juice | $1 / 2$ cup $100 \%$ <br> juice | $1 / 2$ cup $100 \%$ <br> juice |

Review the fruit options offered for breakfast.
Does the amount of fruit offered meet the fruit component criteria for breakfast?

## Vegetable Component

- Fresh, Frozen, Canned
- Weekly vegetable subgroup requirements
- 1 cup of raw, leafy greens = $1 / 2$ cup
- Beans/legumes may be offered as either a vegetable OR a meat/meat alternate but not both in the same meal
- Required at Lunch
- Not required at breakfast, if offered = fruit component

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## Vegetable Component: Lunch



## Vegetables (cups)

|  | Daily | Weekly |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Grades K-5 | $3 / 4$ cup | $33 / 4$ cups |
| Grades 6-8 | $3 / 4$ cup | $33 / 4$ cups |
| Grades 9-12 | 1 cup | 5 cups |

## Vegetable Component Activity: Lunch

| Breakfast | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| K-5, 6-8 | $1 / 2$ cup <br> Carrots <br> $1 / 2$ cup Celery | $1 / 4$ cup tomatoes <br> $1 / 2$ Cucumber | $1 / 2$ cup corn | $1 / 2$ cup lettuce <br> $1 / 4$ cup broccoli | $1 / 4$ cup peas <br> $1 / 4$ cup <br> carrots |
| 9-12 | $1 / 2$ cup <br> Carrots <br> $1 / 2$ cup Celery | $1 / 2$ cup tomatoes <br> ½ Cucumber | $1 / 2$ cup corn <br> $1 / 2$ cup beans | $1 / 2$ cup lettuce <br> $1 / 2$ cup broccoli | $1 / 4$ cup peas <br> $1 / 2$ cup Fries |

Review the vegetable options offered for lunch.
Does the amount offered meet the vegetable component criteria for lunch?

## Vegetable Subgroups

| Subgroup | Examples |
| :--- | :--- |
| Dark Green | Broccoli, romaine lettuce, baby spinach |
| Red/Orange | Tomatoes, red peppers, orange carrots, sweet <br> potato, winter squash, pumpkin |
| Beans/Legumes | Kidney beans, lentils, chickpeas, refried beans, <br> hummus, edamame |
| Starchy | White potato, corn, green peas |
| Other | Iceberg lettuce, green beans, beets, onions |

## Vegetable Component

| Food Components | Grades K-5 |  | Grades 6-8 |  | Grades 9-12 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Daily | Weekly | Daily | Weekly | Daily | Weekly |
| Vegetables (cups) | 3/4 | 3 3/4 | $3 / 4$ | $33 / 4$ | 1 | 5 |
| Dark Green |  | 1/2 |  | 1/2 |  | $1 / 2$ |
| Red/Orange |  | $3 / 4$ |  | $3 / 4$ |  | $11 / 4$ |
| Beans/Legumes |  | 1/2 |  | $1 / 2$ |  | 1/2 |
| Starchy |  | $1 / 2$ |  | $1 / 2$ |  | $1 / 2$ |
| Other |  | 1/2 |  | 1/2 |  | 3/4 |
| Additional Vegetables to Reach Total |  | 1 |  | 1 |  | $11 / 2$ |

## Multiple Entrée Choices

- Vegetable subgroups must be offered with all entrée options

Menu

Baked beans with Hot Dogs

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## VEGETABLE SUBGROUPS ${ }^{1}$

## Weekly Vegetable Subgroups Handout

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National School Lunch Program (NSLIP) meal pattern includes five vegetable subgroups that count toward the daily and weekly vegetable requirements. These subgroups are based on the recommendations of the 2010 Dietary Guidedines for Ameriams. ${ }^{2}$ The chart below identifies some commonly eaten vegetables in each subgroup.

${ }^{1}$ All vegetables credit based on volume except raw leafy greens count as half the volume served and tomato paste and puree credit

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## Grains Component

- Required at Breakfast \& Lunch
- $80 \%$ the weekly grains offered must be whole grain-rich
- the grain content of a product is between $50 \%$ and $100 \%$ whole grain

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INGREDIENTS WHOLE WHEAT ROLLED
OATS, MILLED CORN, RICE, ROLLED
BARLEY, SUGAR, FANCY MOLASSES,
VEGETABLE OIL,SALT, BARLEY MALT
SYRUP, HONEY, VITAMINS (THIAMIN
HYDROCHLORIDE, NIACINAMIDE, d-
CALCIUM PANTOTHENATE, PYRIDOXINE
HYDROCHLORIDE, FOLIC ACID),
MINERALS (IRON, ZINC OXIDE), SOY
LECITHIN, BHT. CONTAINS WHEAT AND
SOY INGREDIENTS.
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## Whole Grain Rich

## - Check labels carefully!

- First ingredient listed: whole grain ingredient, such as "whole grain" or "whole wheat" $\underline{\text { OR }}$
- First ingredient listed: "water", then whole grain ingredient


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## Grains Component: Lunch

- $80 \%$ of the grains offered over the week must be whole grain-rich


## Grains (ounce equivalent)

|  | Daily | Weekly |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Grades K-5 | 1 oz eq | 8 oz eq |
| Grades 6-8 | 1 oz eq | 8 oz eq |
| Grades 9-12 | 2 oz eq | 8 oz eq |

## Grains Component: Breakfast

$80 \%$ of the grains offered over the week must be whole grain-rich

## Grains (ounce equivalent)

|  | Daily | Weekly |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Grades K-5 | 1 oz eq | 7 oz eq |
| Grades 6-8 | 1 oz eq | 8 oz eq |
| Grades 9-12 | 1 oz eq | 9 oz eq |

## Meat/Meat Alternate Component

- Beef, Fish, Poultry: 1 ounce cooked, skinless, unbreaded, unprocessed equals 1 ounce equivalent
- Processed - need crediting documentation


## Meat/Meat Alternate Component

- Nuts and Seeds:
- Sunflower seeds, almonds, walnuts, hazelnuts
- Meet no more than one-half of the MMA component
- Must be paired with another MMA to meet the full requirement
- Nut Butter:
- May be used to meet all the MMA component
- two tablespoons equals 1 ounce equivalent


## Meat/Meat Alternate Component

- Tofu: 2.2 ounces (weight) with 5 grams protein+ equals 1 ounce equivalent
- Yogurt (Soy or dairy): 4 ounces (weight) or $1 / 2$ cup equals one ounce equivalent


## Meat/Meat Alternate Component

- Cheese: 1 ounce portion of cheese equals 1-ounce equivalent MMA
- Egg: 1 large egg equals a 2-ounce equivalent MMA


## Meat/Meat Alternate Component

## Beans:

- May count as either MMA or a vegetable but not both!
- Determined by the menu planner
- $1 / 2$ cup cooked beans equals 1 oz MMA
- Dry or mature bean is a legume
- Immature or fresh is a starchy vegetable (lima beans, green peas)


## Meat/Meat Alternate - Ounce Equivalents



## Meat/Meat Alternate Component: Lunch

## M/MA (ounce equivalent)

|  | Daily | Weekly |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Grades K-5 | 1 oz eq | 8 oz eq |
| Grades 6-8 | 1 oz eq | 9 oz eq |
| Grades 9-12 | 2 oz eq | 10 oz eq |

## Meat/Meat Alternate Component: Breakfast

- Not a required component to be offered
- If offered, can count towards the weekly grain requirements


## Fluid Milk Component

- Required at Breakfast \& Lunch
- Must offer a "variety" of milk
- at least 2 different types at meal service
- Low-fat or fat free flavored/unflavored

| Good <br> Component |  | Grades K-5 |  | Grades 6-8 |  | Grades 9-12 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fluid Milk (cups) | Weekly | Daily | Weekly | Daily | Weekly |  |  |
|  | 1 cup | 5 cups | 1 cup | 5 cups | 1 cup | 5 cups |  |

## Milk Substitutions

- Required in cases of a disability accommodation
- Optional for a parent request
- Must meet regulatory standards (same nutrient profile as cows milk)
- Cannot offer juice or water in place of milk


## Non-Creditable "Extra" Foods

Offered in addition to the reimbursable meal
Not credited as a food component
Are included in the weekly diet specifications analysis

- Cream Cheese
- Bacon
- Salami
- Potato chips
- Condiments


## Water

- Free, potable water must be available during meal service (breakfast \& lunch)
$\checkmark$ Water fountain
$\checkmark$ Cambro with water \& paper cups X Bottled water
- Cannot promote water as an alternative to milk


## Offer Versus Serve Concept



## Offer vs Serve

- Offer: Menu planned \& food is offered in full serving sizes
- Serve: Students must take a minimum amount of food including at least a $1 / 2$ cup of fruit or vegetable on their tray.
- If a student does not take a $1 / 2$ cup of fruit/vegetable with two other components, then the meal is NOT reimbursable


## Offer vs Serve

- Required at 9-12 for NSLP
- Optional at K-5, 6-8 grades for NSLP
- Optional at K-5, 6-8, 9-12 for SBP


## Offer vs Serve: LUNCH

- Offer all 5 components in full serving sizes
- Reimbursable meal - $1 / 2$ cup fruit/veg AND at least 2 other components in their full serving size


## Offer vs Serve With Fruits \& Vegetables

- High School Student Selects (LUNCH):
$1 / 2$ cup
vegetable
$1 / 2$ cup
fruit


Not Reimbursable
$\checkmark 1 / 2$ cup veg or fruit
$X$ Other veg/fruit not
full serving
$\checkmark$ Grain - full serving

## Offer vs Serve With Fruits \& Vegetables

- High School Student Selects (LUNCH):

| 1 cup Milk | 2 oz eq <br> MMA |
| :--- | :---: |



Not Reimbursable
$\checkmark 3$ components in full serving size for HS
X $1 / 2$ cup veg/fruit not selected

# Offer vs Serve With Fruits \& Vegetables (Lunch) 

- High School Student Selects (LUNCH):


Reimbursable!
$\checkmark 1 / 2$ cup veg or fruit
$\checkmark 2$ other
components in full serving size

## Field Trip Bag Lunch

- Must follow meal pattern requirements
- All 5 meal components must be offered
- Milk (8 oz)
- Fruit (1/2 cup/1 cup)
- Vegetables (3/4 cup/1 cup)
- Grains (1 oz eq / 2 oz eq)
- M/MA (1 oz eq / 2 oz eq)


## Offer Vs Serve: Breakfast

- Planned (Offered) meal offers 4 items from the 3 required food components in full serving size
- Milk (1 cup)
- Fruit (1 cup)
- Grains (1 oz)
- One additional item
- Reimbursable meal contains (what the student must take) :
- At least 3 food items
- At least a $1 / 2$ cup fruit/vegetable


## Offer Vs Serve with Fruit (Breakfast)

- 1 cup of fruit must be offered at breakfast - a student may take $1 / 2$ cup fruit and it counts as 1 item

Planned (Offered) Meal:

- 1 oz. Grain
- $1 / 2$ cup Fruit
- $1 / 2$ cup Fruit (of a different variety)
- 1 cup Milk

Selected (Served) Meal:

- 1 oz. Grain
- $1 / 2$ cup of Fruit
- 1 Cup Milk


## Offer Versus Serve - Items



1 oz grain eq

## Offer Versus Serve - Items



## Foods With More Than 1 Oz Eq

Larger foods can count as more than one item.

2 oz eq bagel = 2 food items (grains)

3 oz eq bagel = 3 food items (grains)

## Combination Foods

## Combination foods can count as

 more than 1 item.

## Identifying a Reimbursable Breakfast at Point of Service

$\checkmark$ Is there $1 / 2$ cup fruit?
$\checkmark$ Are there at least 2 other items?

## Summary of OvS at Breakfast

Must offer 4 food items from 3 food components

Option A<br>1 oz Grain<br>1 oz Grain<br>1 cup Fruit<br>1 cup Milk

## Option B

## Option C

1 oz Grain
1 oz (M/MA)
1 cup Fruit
1 cup Milk

1 oz Grain
½ cup Fruit
$1 / 2$ cup Fruit
1 cup Milk

## Summary of OvS at Breakfast

Student may decline 1 item

Option A<br>1 oz Grain<br>1 oz Grain<br>1 cup Fruit<br>1 cup Milk

Option B
1 oz Grain
1 oz (M/MA)
1 cup Fruit
1 cup Milk

## Option C

1 oz Grain
1/2cup Fruit
½ cup Fruit
1 cup Milk

## OVS Tip Sheets from USDA



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## OFPER VERSUS SERVE (OVS)

Tip Sheet for School Food Service Managers
School Breakfast Program

## What is OVS?

The goal of oVS is to reduce food waste while allowing students to choose the foods they want to The goal of ovs is to reduce food waste while allowing students to choose the foods they want to
eat. Everyone plays a role. When students and cafeteria staff understand OVS, breakfast tines move smoothy, allowing students to make the most of meal time and enjoy the wholesome and appealing foods they are served. It also helps reduce overall food costs.
Under OVS at breakfast, schools must offer at least four food items from the three required food components (fruit, grains, and fluid milk')

- A food component is one of three required food groups in a reimbursable breakfast. These are fruits, grains, and fluid milk'.
- A food item is a specific food offered within the three food components, for example, 2 slice of whole grain-rich bread. 1 cup of grapes, and 1 cup of milk. This meal meets ovs breakfas requirements because three food components and four food items are offered.
Students must select at least three of the four offered food items under OVS at breakfast, including at
least $1 / 2$ cup of fruit and/or vegetable. Please note, OVS is optional at breakfast for all grade levels.
Required Components at Breakfast


Optional Components at Breakfast
vegetables

- Vegetables may be offered as a substitute for fruits.

Meats/Meat Alternates
A meat/meat alternate may be served to meet the weekly grain requirement, as long as a 1 oz eq minimum of grains is offered daily.

- A meat/meat alternate may also be offered as an
requirements) if a reimbursable meal is selected.
-Water does not count as one of the three required food components and cannot be served as a substitute for milk.


## Meal Signage



## Must identify all foods that are part of a reimbursable meal before the serving line



## Meal Signage- RSU 18

## BUILD A HEALTHY BREAKEASTY



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## Meal Pattern Activity - Lunch

- Menu analysis of Harvest Elementary School
- K-8 School
- Evaluate for daily \& weekly requirements


## Harvest Elementary School Café

Daily Choice:
Sunbutter \& Jelly Sandwich

## Lunch Menu

K-8


## Weekly Requirements for Lunch

M/MA (9 oz) YES NO<br>Grain (8 oz)<br>Vegetables ( 3 3/4 cups) YES NO

## Weekly Requirements Cont.

- Vegetable Subgroups:
- Dark Green (1/2 cup)-YES NO
- Red/Orange (3/4 cup)- YES NO
- Legumes ( $1 / 2$ cup)- YES NO
- Starchy ( $1 / 2$ cup)-YES NO
- Other (1/2 cup)-YES NO


## Weekly Requirements Cont.

- Eruit (5 ½ cups) YES NO
- Milk (5 cups) YES NO
- Daily Choice: Sunbutter and Jelly
- Sandwich contains 2 Tbsp sunbutter (1 M/MA) and 2 oz grains
- Weekly M/MA and grain met?


## Meal Pattern Activity - Breakfast

- Menu analysis of Harvest High School
- 9-12 School
- Evaluate for daily \& weekly requirements


## Harvest High School Café

Breakfast Menu


Questions?

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