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The meal pattern shall contain, as a minimum, each of the following components in the amounts indicated for the specific age group.

	Age 1 & 2	Age 3, 4 & 5	Age 6 up to 12
BREAKFAST			
1. Milk, fluid	1/2 cup	3/4 cup	1 cup
2. Juice ^a or fruit or vegetable or Fruit(s) or vegetable(s)	1/4 cup	1/2 cup	1/2 cup
3. Grains/Breads: ^b			
Bread	1/2 slice	1/2 slice	1 slice
Cornbread, biscuits, rolls, muffins, etc. ^b	1/2 serving	1/2 serving	1 serving
Cereal:			
Cold dry	1/4 cup or 1/3 oz. ^c	1/3 cup or 1/2 oz. ^c	3/4 cup or 1 oz. ^c
Hot cooked	1/4 cup total	1/4 cup	1/2 cup
Cooked pasta or noodle products	1/4 cup	1/4 cup	1/2 cup
LUNCH OR SUPPER			
1. Milk	1/2 cup	3/4 cup	1 cup
2. Meat or meat alternate:			
Meat, poultry, fish, cheese	1 oz.	1+1/2 oz.	2 oz.
Alternate protein products [§]	1 oz.	1+1/2 oz.	2 oz.
Yogurt, plain or flavored, unsweetened or sweetened	4 oz. or 1/2 cup	6 oz. or 3/4 cup	8 oz. or 1 cup
Egg	1/2 egg	3/4 egg	1 egg
Cooked dry beans or peas	1/4 cup	3/8 cup	1/2 cup
Peanut butter or other nut or seed butter	2 Tbsp.	3 Tbsp.	4 Tbsp.
Peanuts or soynuts or tree nuts or seeds	1/2 oz. = 50% ^d	3/4 oz. = 50% ^d	1 oz. = 50% ^d
3. Vegetable and/or fruit ^e (at least two)	1/4 cup total	1/2 cup total	3/4 cup total
4. Grains/Breads: ^b			
Bread	1/2 slice	1/2 slice	1 slice
Cornbread, biscuits, rolls, muffins, etc. ^b	1/2 serving	1/2 serving	1 serving
Cereal, Hot cooked	1/4 cup total	1/4 cup	1/2 cup
Cereal, Cold dry	1/4 cup or 1/3 oz. ^c	1/3 cup or 1/2 oz. ^c	3/4 cup or 1 oz. ^c
Cooked pasta or noodle products	1/4 cup	1/4 cup	1/2 cup

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SUPPLEMENT

Select two of the following four components:

1. Milk	1/2 cup	1/2 cup	1 cup
2. Juice ^{a,f} or fruit or vegetable or Fruit(s) or vegetable(s)	1/2 cup	1/2 cup	3/4 cup
3. Grains/Breads ^b			
Bread	1/2 slice	1/2 slice	1 slice
Cornbread, biscuits, rolls, muffins, etc. ^b	1/2 serving	1/2 serving	1 serving
Cereal: Cold dry	1/4 cup or 1/3 oz. ^c	1/3 cup or 1/2 oz. ^c	3/4 cup or 1 oz. ^c
Hot cooked	1/4 cup	1/4 cup	1/2 cup
4. Meat or meat alternate:			
Meat, poultry, fish, cheese	1/2 oz.	1/2 oz.	1 oz.
Alternate protein products ^g	1/2 oz.	1/2 oz.	1 oz.
Egg, Large ^h	1/2 egg	1/2 egg	1/2 egg
Cooked dry beans or peas	1/8 cup	1/8 cup	1/4 cup
Peanut butter or other nut or seed butter	1 Tbsp.	1 Tbsp	2 Tbsp
Peanuts or soynuts or tree nuts or seeds	1/2 oz.	1/2 oz.	1 oz.
Yogurt, plain or flavored, unsweetened or sweetened	2 oz. or 1/4 cup	2 oz. or 1/4 cup	4 oz. or 1/2 cup

^a Must be full strength fruit or vegetable juice.^b Bread, pasta or noodle products, and cereal grains shall be whole grain or enriched, cornbread, biscuits, rolls, muffins, etc., shall be made with whole grain or enriched meal or flour.^c Either volume (cup) or weight (oz.), whichever is less.^d No more than 50% of the requirement shall be met with tree nuts or seeds. Tree nuts and seeds shall be combined with another meat/meat alternate to fulfill the requirement. For purpose of determining combinations, 1 oz. of nuts or seeds is equal to 1 oz. of cooked lean meat, poultry or fish.^e Serve 2 or more kinds of vegetable(s) and/or fruit(s). Full strength vegetable or fruit juice may be counted to meet not more than one-half of this requirement.^f Juice may not be served when milk is the only other component.^g Alternate protein products may be used as acceptable meat alternates.^h One-half egg meets the required minimum amount (one-ounce or less) of meat alternate.