## SCHOOL NUTRITION REGULATIONS:



## NSLP BACKGROUND



Reimbursement

- Federal Reimbursement for reimbursable meals

| FREE | REDUCED | FULL PAY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 2.93$ | $\$ 2.53$ | $\$ 0.28$ |
|  | Reimbursemen Rates shovn are for the conninenal Us in school year 2013 -2014 |  |

- USDA Foods (commodities)
- State Reimbursement






## Saturated and Trans Fat

Saturated Fat

- Daily average over a school week
- All grades: < 10\% calories

Trans Fat

- All grades: 0 grams per serving


| Sodium Targets |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Sodium reduction: Timeline \& amount |  |  |  |



- If a school does not use OVS, students must take all 5 food components for the meal to be reimbursable.

Nutrient Requirements for the week

- Calories - must fall within the range
- Saturated fat - must be less than 10\% total calories
- Sodium - must be less than the maximum


## Reimbursable Meal as Selected

- Offer vs. Serve (OVS)
- Students may refuse up to 2 components
- Optional for grade groups K-5 and 6-8
- Required for grade group 9-12
- ½ cup fruit and/or vegetable REQUIRED


## Reimbursable Meal as Planned

Food Component Requirements

- Daily Minimums
- Weekly Minimums
- Fruit

| - Vegetable | - Vegetable Subgroups |
| :--- | :--- |
| - Grain | - Grain |
| - Meat/Meat Alternate | - Meat/Meat Alternate |
| - Milk |  |

- Meat/Meat Alternate
- Grain
- Meat/Meat Alternate



## Great Examples

- Dayle Hayes, MS, RD
- School Meals that Rock: Helping school nutrition programs serve kids well
- Blog: http://schoolmealsthatrock.org/
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/SchoolMealsThatRock
- Pinterest: http://www.pinterest.com/schoolmealsrock/
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/SchoolMealsRock


|  | Breakfast Meal Pattern |  |  | Lunch Meal Pattern |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Grades K-5 ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Grades 6-8 ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Grades 9-12 ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Grades K-5 | Grades 6-8 | Grades 9-12 |
| Meal Pattern | Amount of Food ${ }^{\text {b }}$ Per Week (Minimum Per Day) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fruits (cups) ${ }^{\text {c,d }}$ | $5(1)^{\mathrm{e}}$ | $5(1)^{\mathrm{e}}$ | $5(1)^{\mathrm{e}}$ | $21 / 2(1 / 2)$ | $21 / 2(1 / 2)$ | 5 (1) |
| Vegetables (cups) ${ }^{\text {c,d }}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | $33 / 4(3 / 4)$ | $33 / 4(3 / 4)$ | 5 (1) |
| Dark green ${ }^{\text {f }}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 |
| Red/Orange ${ }^{\text {f }}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | $3 / 4$ | $3 / 4$ | $11 / 4$ |
| Beans/Peas (Legumes) ${ }^{\mathrm{f}}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 |
| Starchy ${ }^{\text {f }}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 |
| Other ${ }^{\text {f,g }}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 1/2 | $3 / 4$ |
| Additional Veg to Reach Total ${ }^{\text {h }}$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | $11 / 2$ |
| Grains (oz eq) ${ }^{\text {i }}$ | $7-10(1)^{j}$ | $8-10(1)^{j}$ | 9-10(1) ${ }^{\text {j }}$ | 8 (1) | 8 (1) | 10 (2) |
| Meats/Meat Alternates (oz eq) | $0{ }^{\text {k }}$ | $0{ }^{\text {k }}$ | $0{ }^{\text {k }}$ | 8 (1) | 9 (1) | 10 (2) |
| Fluid milk (cups) ${ }^{1}$ | 5 (1) | 5 (1) | 5 (1) | 5 (1) | 5 (1) | 5 (1) |
| Other Specifications: Daily Amount Based on the Average for a 5-Day Week |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Min-max calories $(\mathrm{kcal})^{\mathrm{m}, \mathrm{n}, \mathrm{o}}$ | 350-500 | 400-550 | 450-600 | 550-650 | 600-700 | 750-850 |
| Saturated fat (\% of total calories) ${ }^{\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{o}}$ | $<10$ | $<10$ | $<10$ | $<10$ | $<10$ | $<10$ |
| Sodium (mg) ${ }^{\text {n, } \mathrm{p}}$ | $\leq 430$ | $\leq 470$ | $\leq 500$ | $\leq 1,230$ | $\leq 1,360$ | $\leq 1,420$ |
| Trans fat ${ }^{\text {n,o }}$ | Nutrition label or manufacturer specifications must indicate zero grams of trans fat per serving. |  |  |  |  |  |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ In the SBP, the above age-grade groups are required beginning July 1, 2013 (SY 2013-14). In SY 2012-2013 only, schools may continue to use the meal pattern for grades K-12 (see § 220.23).
${ }^{b}$ Food items included in each food group and subgroup and amount equivalents. Minimum creditable serving is $1 / 8$ cup.
${ }^{\text {c }}$ One quarter-cup of dried fruit counts as $1 / 2$ cup of fruit; 1 cup of leafy greens counts as $1 / 2$ cup of vegetables. No more than half of the fruit or vegetable offerings may be in the form of juice. All juice must be $100 \%$ full-strength.
${ }^{\text {d }}$ For breakfast, vegetables may be substituted for fruits, but the first two cups per week of any such substitution must be from the dark green, red/orange, beans and peas (legumes) or "Other vegetables" subgroups as defined in §210.10(c)(2)(iii).
${ }^{e}$ The fruit quantity requirement for the SBP ( $5 \mathrm{cups} /$ week and a minimum of 1 cup/day) is effective July 1, 2014 (SY 20142015).
${ }^{\mathrm{f}}$ Larger amounts of these vegetables may be served.
${ }^{\mathrm{g}}$ This category consists of "Other vegetables" as defined in $\S 210.10(\mathrm{c})(2)(\mathrm{iii})(\mathrm{E})$. For the purposes of the NSLP, "Other vegetables" requirement may be met with any additional amounts from the dark green, red/orange, and beans/peas (legumes) vegetable subgroups as defined in $\S 210.10$ (c)(2)(iii).
${ }^{\text {h}}$ Any vegetable subgroup may be offered to meet the total weekly vegetable requirement.
${ }^{1}$ At least half of the grains offered must be whole grain-rich in the NSLP beginning July 1, 2012 (SY 2012-2013), and in the SBP beginning July 1, 2013 (SY 2013-2014). All grains must be whole grain-rich in both the NSLP and the SBP beginning July 1, 2014 (SY 2014-15).
${ }^{\mathrm{j}}$ In the SBP, the grain ranges must be offered beginning July 1, 2013 (SY 2013-2014).
${ }^{\mathrm{k}}$ There is no separate meat/meat alternate component in the SBP. Beginning July 1, 2013 (SY 2013-2014), schools may substitute 1 oz . eq. of meat/meat alternate for 1 oz . eq. of grains after the minimum daily grains requirement is met. ${ }^{1}$ Fluid milk must be low-fat (1 percent milk fat or less, unflavored) or fat-free (unflavored or flavored).
${ }^{\mathrm{m}}$ The average daily amount of calories for a 5-day school week must be within the range (at least the minimum and no more than the maximum values).
${ }^{\text {n }}$ Discretionary sources of calories (solid fats and added sugars) may be added to the meal pattern if within the specifications for calories, saturated fat, trans fat, and sodium. Foods of minimal nutritional value and fluid milk with fat content greater than 1 percent milk fat are not allowed.
${ }^{\circ}$ In the SBP, calories and trans fat specifications take effect beginning July 1, 2013 (SY 2013-2014).
${ }^{\mathrm{p}}$ Final sodium specifications are to be reached by SY 2022-2023 or July 1, 2022. Intermediate sodium specifications are established for SY 2014-2015 and 2017-2018. See required intermediate specifications in § 210.10(f)(3) for lunches and § 220.8(f)(3) for breakfast

Please note: the requirements for grains, meat/meat alternate, and sodium were manually updated to reflect changes in the Meal Pattern Requirements that occurred since this document was first published.

