

#### **School Lunch Meal Pattern Grades K-12**

See USDA Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs for more information.

#### Grain

	K-5	6-8	9-12
Daily	1	1	2
Weekly	8-9	8-10	10-12

Amounts listed in ounce equivalents. Eighty percent of the grains served per menu line per week must meet whole grain-rich (WGR) criteria (at least 50 percent whole grain by weight, the rest enriched grain). Items that are not WGR must be enriched.

# Meat/Meat Alternate

	K-5	6-8	9-12
Daily	1	1	2
Weekly	8-10	9-10	10-12

Amounts listed in ounce equivalents.

#### Fruit

	K-5	6-8	9-12
Daily	1/2	1/2	1
Weekly	2 ½	2 ½	5

Amounts listed in cups. Includes fresh, dried (½ cup dried = ½ cup), frozen (no added sugar), canned in juice or light syrup, or 100 percent juice. No more than half of the weekly fruit served may be in the form of 100 percent juice.

### **Nutrient Standards**

Daily Amount Based on Average 5-Day Week			
	K-5	6-8	9-12
Min-Max	550-	600-	750-
calories	650	700	850
Sodium (mg)	≤1230	≤1360	≤1420
Saturated fat (% of total calories)	<10	<10	<10
Trans fat	0 gram per serving		

#### **Vegetable**

N/A	K-5	6-8	9-12
Daily	3/4	3/4	1
Weekly	3 ¾	3 ¾	5

Amounts listed in cups. See vegetable subgroup requirements on page two.

#### Milk

1 cup per day

5 cups per week

Low-fat (1 %) or fat-free (skim) fluid milk. Two varieties must be offered daily, and one choice must be unflavored.



# Vegetable Subgroups Weekly requirements and examples

Not all vegetables are listed. See USDA Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs for more creditable vegetable options.

#### Dark Green

Arugula Green Leaf Bok Choy Lettuce Mustard Greens

Broccoli

Spinach

Chard

Romaine Lettuce

Collard Greens Le

Kale

1 cup uncooked leafy green = ½ cup vegetable

# Beans/Peas

Black Beans Pinto Beans

Chickpeas

Refried Beans

(Garbanzo)

Soy (Edamame)

**Kidney Beans** 

**Split Peas** 

Lentils

White Beans

Weekly Subgroup Requirements			
	K-5	6-8	9-12
Dark Green	1/2	1/2	1/2
Red/ Orange	3/4	3/4	1 1/4
Beans/ Peas	1/2	1/2	1/2
Starchy	1/2	1/2	1/2
Other	1/2	1/2	3/4
Additional needed to reach weekly total	1	1	1½

Amounts listed in cups. The weekly portion of Other vegetables may come from Dark Green, Red/Orange, Beans/Peas or Other subgroups.

# Red/Orange

Acorn Squash

**Red Peppers** 

Butternut

**Sweet Potato** 

Squash

**Tomatoes** 

Carrots

Tomato Sauce

Pumpkin

## Starchy

Corn

**Parsnips** 

**Green Peas** 

**Plantains** 

Hominy (whole)

Potatoes

Jicama

Water Chestnuts

Lima Beans

(immature)

Other

Asparagus Avocado Baby corn Beets Brussels Sprouts Cabbage Cauliflower Celery Cucumber Eggplant Green Beans Green Peppers Kohlrabi Lettuce (Iceberg) Mushrooms

Onions Radishes Summer Squash Snow Peas Sugar Snap Peas Turnips Wax Beans Zucchini