

Food Packing Guidelines

Breakfast: must include a grain, a fruit or vegetable (or a mix of the two) and milk.

Lunch: must include a meat/meat alternate, vegetable, fruit, grain and milk.

Snack: Pick two of the 4 components. For example, fruit & grain or meat & vegetable.

**Other snacks and treats do not satisfy USDA guidelines but may be packed in addition to.

| Component #1 Component #2 | | Component #3 | | Component #4 | | | |
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| Meat/Meat alternates | | <u>Vegetables</u> | | <u>Fruits</u> | <u>Grains</u> | k | ** Other Snacks |
| Lean meat | • | Cucumbers | • | Strawberries | (*Whole wheat recom- | • | Fruit snacks |
| • Poultry | • | Carrots | • | Grapes | mended) | • | Pudding |
| • Fish | • | Celery | • | Apples/ | Bread Bisquit | • | Cookies |
| • Cheese | • | Green Salad | | applesauce | Biscuit | • | Brownies |
| • Egg | • | Cherry Tomatoes | • | Watermelon | Roll Muffin | • | Veggie Straws |
| Cooked dry beans | • | Pickles | • | Blueberries | | • | Rice Krispies |
| or peas | • | Red/Yellow Pep- | • | Raspberries | BagelTortillas | | treats |
| Peanut butter or other nut butters | | pers | • | Peaches | Oatmeal | • | Jello |
| Yogurt | • | Snap Peas | • | Mango | Cereal | • | Chips |
| Peanuts, soy nuts, | • | Broccoli | • | Cherries | Cereal Pasta | | |
| tree nuts or seeds | • | Cauliflower | • | Cantaloupe | Rice | | |
| | • | Edamame | • | Pineapple | Granola/granola bars | | |
| | | | • | Oranges | Crackers | | |
| | | | • | Bananas | Pancakes | | |
| | | | • | Dried fruit | Pretzels | | |
| | | | • | Canned fruit | • Croutons | | |
| | | | • | Raisins | Popcorn | | |
| | | | | | Rice Cakes | | |
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Sample lunches: -Ham & cheese sandwich, carrots, applesauce and milk.

-Peanut butter & jelly sandwich, celery, banana and milk.

Sample breakfast: -Cereal, strawberries and milk.