National School Lunch Program

Offer Versus Serve

K-5, 6-8, K-8 Grade Grouping

Frontline Staff Training

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- Offer vs Serve is optional for all grades K-8
- Five full components must be offered:
 - Meat/Meat Alternate minimum 1 oz.
 - Grain minimum 1 oz.
 - Vegetable ¾ cup
 - Fruit ½ cup
 - Fluid Milk 1 cup

Reimbursable Meal must contain:

Three of Five components which need to be

2 full components of the 5 offered
 AND

A fruit component or a vegetable component

Decline options:

Students are allowed to decline up to 2 of 5 food components but must select either a fruit or vegetable.

Reducing portions:

The vegetable ¾ c component may be reduced to ½ c portion. Students must select other food components in quantities planned.



Activity

- Begin by looking at a tray with all 5 full components represented.
- 2. Next look at the following slide series to determine which meals are reimbursable combinations and which meals are not reimbursable and why not.

½ cup offered

Grain
1-2 oz.
offered

Milk

8 oz. offered

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Vegetable

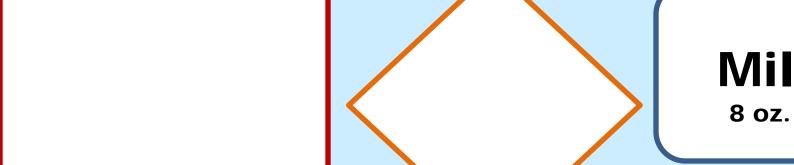
34 cup offered

1-2 oz. offered

Yes..... or...... No?

Looking at the following meals a student selects, would these meals be a reimbursable meal under offer vs serve?

Why? Or Why not?

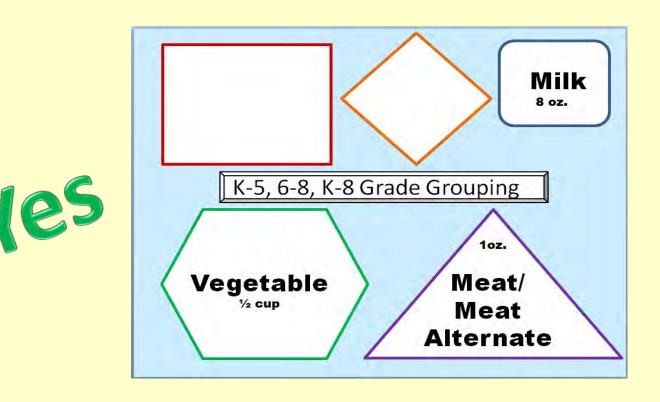


Milk

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Vegetable ½ cup

1oz.



Student selected:

- 2 full components and reduced vegetable portion:
- Milk
- Meat/Meat Alternate
- ½ cup Vegetable

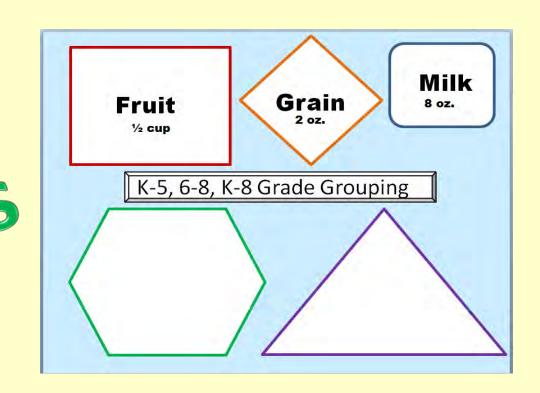
½ cup

Grain 2 oz.

Milk

8 oz.

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- Student selected:
- 3 full components and one was fruit:
- Milk
- Grain
- Fruit



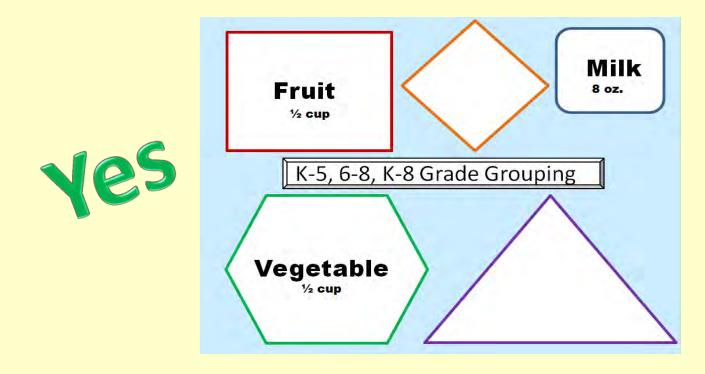
Milk

8 oz.

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Vegetable

½ cup



- Student selected:
- 2 full components and a reduced vegetable:
- Milk
- Fruit
- ½ c Vegetable

Grain 2 oz.

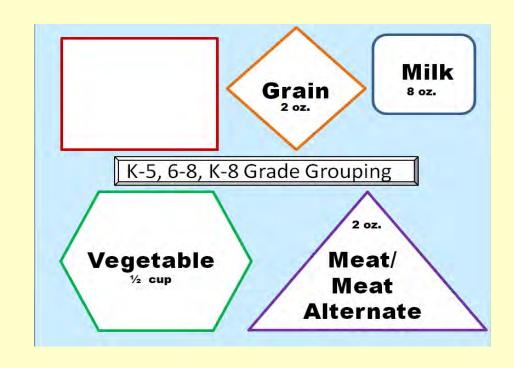
Milk

8 oz.

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Vegetable 1/2 cup

2 oz.



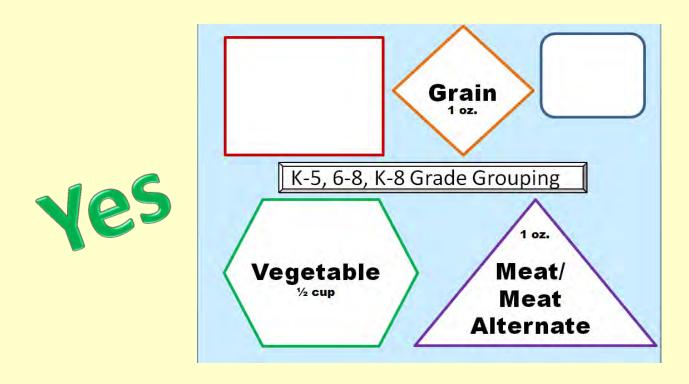
- Student selected:
- 3 full components and a reduced vegetable:
- Milk
- Grain
- Meat/Meat Alternate
- ½ c Vegetable



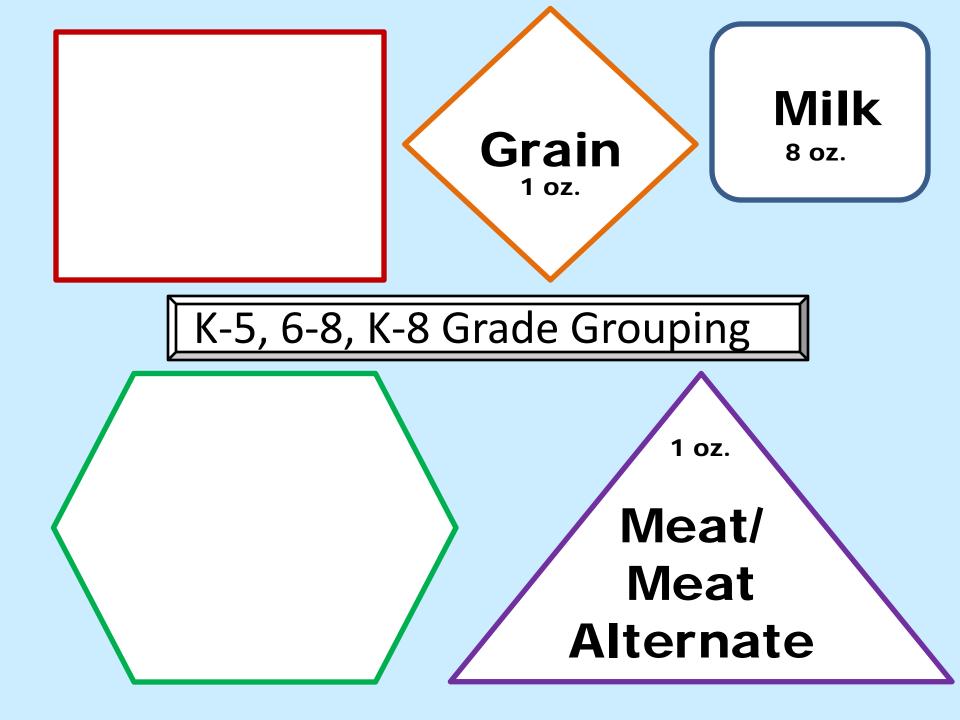
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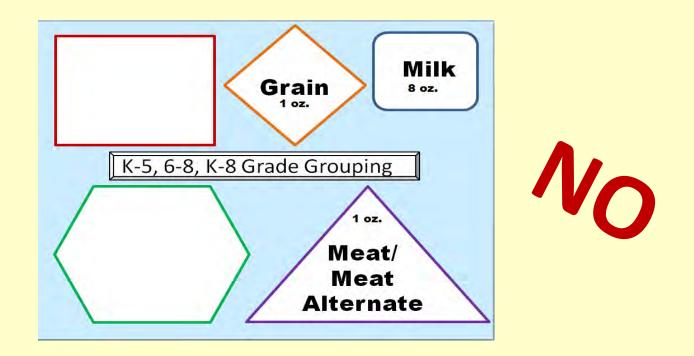
Vegetable 1/2 cup

1 oz.



- Student selected:
- 2 full components and a reduced vegetable:
- Grain
- Meat/Meat Alternate
- ½ c Vegetable





- Student selected:
- 3 full components but no fruit or vegetable:
- Grain
- Milk
- Meat/Meat Alternate

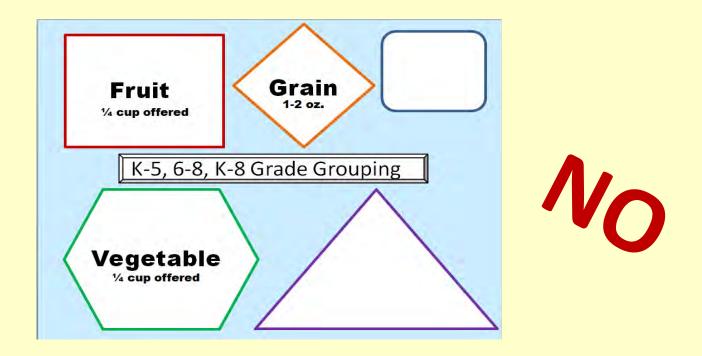
1/4 cup offered

Grain
1-2 oz.

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Vegetable

1/4 cup offered



- Student selected:
- 1 full component but only reduced fruit and

vegetable::

- Grain
- ¼ c Fruit
- ¼ c Vegetable

The vegetable **and** fruit may be reduced to ¼ cup to meet the *combined* ½ c total (fruit and/or vegetable requirement) but not both if only one additional full component is selected. Selecting one additional full component would make this meal reimbursable. Serving reduced/combined fruit and vegetable is optional not required.

1/4 cup offered

Grain
1-2 oz.

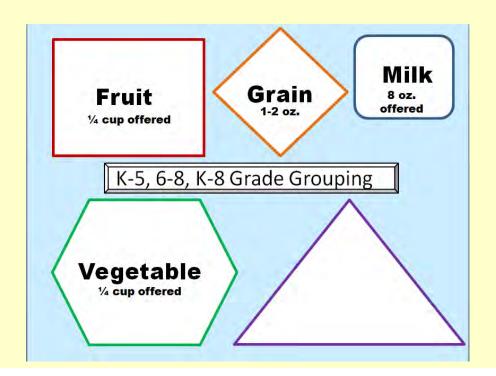
Milk

8 oz. offered

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Vegetable

1/4 cup offered



Student selected:

- 2 full components and ½ c combined fruit and vegetable:
- Milk
- Grain
- ¼ c Fruit +¼ c Vegetable = ½ c requirement

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