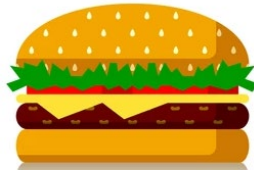
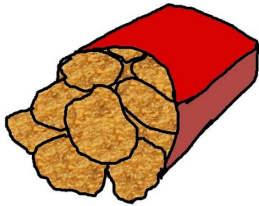
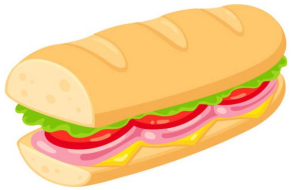




NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM



MEAT/MEAT ALTERNATE



Meat/Meat Alternate

- Required component in NSLP
- Measured by weight- ounce equivalents
- Weekly Minimums
- Daily Minimums()

K-5	6-8	K-8	9-12
8 oz eq (1)	9 oz eq (1)	9 oz eq (1)	10 oz eq (2)



Creditable Serving

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One 5.00 oz Wedge Cheese Pizza with Whole Wheat Crust provides 2.00 oz equivalent meat alternate, 1/8 cup red/orange vegetable, and 2.0 oz eq Grains for the Child Nutrition Meal Pattern Requirements. (Use of this logo and statement authorized by the Food and Nutrition Service, USDA XX-XX**.)

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Product Formulation Statement Template

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Food and Nutrition Service

Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Meats/Meat Alternates (M/MA) in Child Nutrition Programs

Program operators should include a copy of the label from the purchased product package in addition to the following information on letterhead signed by an official company representative.

Product Name: _____ Code No.: _____
 Manufacturer: _____ Serving Size: _____

I. Meats
Fill out the chart below to determine the creditable amount of Meats.

DESCRIPTION OF CREDITABLE MEAT INGREDIENT PER FOOD BUYING GUIDE (FBG)	OUNCES PER RAW PORTION OF CREDITABLE MEAT INGREDIENT A	MULTIPLY	FBG YIELD ¹	CREDITABLE AMOUNT A x B
		x	B	
		x		
		x		
C. Total Creditable Meats Amount¹				

¹ FBG yield = Additional Information column.

II. Meat Alternates
Fill out the chart below to determine the creditable amount of Meat Alternates.

DESCRIPTION OF CREDITABLE MEAT ALTERNATE INGREDIENT PER FOOD BUYING GUIDE (FBG)	OUNCES PER RAW PORTION OF CREDITABLE MEAT ALTERNATE INGREDIENT D	MULTIPLY	FBG YIELD ²	DIVIDE	PURCHASE UNIT IN OUNCES F	CREDITABLE AMOUNT ² D x E ÷ F
		x	E	÷		
		x		÷		
		x		÷		
G. Total Creditable Meat Alternates Amount²						

² FBG yield = Servings per Purchase Unit column.

III. Alternate Protein Products (APP)
Fill out the chart below to determine the creditable amount of APP. Documentation must be provided as described in Attachments A and B for each APP used.

DESCRIPTION OF APP, MANUFACTURER'S NAME, AND CODE NUMBER	OUNCES DRY PER APP PORTION H	MULTIPLY	% OF PROTEIN AS IS ³ I	DIVIDE ⁴	CREDITABLE AMOUNT APP H x I ÷ 18
		x		÷ 18	
		x		÷ 18	
		x		÷ 18	
J. Total Creditable APP Amount⁴					
K. TOTAL CREDITABLE AMOUNT (C + G + J rounded down to nearest 0.25 oz)⁴					

³ Attached documentation provides % of Protein As-Is.
⁴ 18 is the percent of protein when fully hydrated.
⁵ Total Creditable Amount must be rounded **down** to the nearest 0.25 oz (example: 1.49 rounds down to 1.25 oz equivalent meat/meat alternate). If crediting M/MA and APP, round down after adding the Total Creditable Amount for Meats, Meat Alternates, and APP in boxes C, G, and J.

Total weight (per portion) of product as purchased _____

Total creditable amount of product (per portion). (Reminder: total creditable amount (per portion) cannot exceed the total weight (per portion).) _____

I certify that the above information is true and correct and that a _____ ounce serving of the above product (ready for serving) contains _____ ounces of equivalent meat/meat alternate when prepared according to directions.

I further certify that any APP used in the product conforms to the Food and Nutrition Service Regulations (7 CFR Parts 210, 220, 225, 226, Appendix A) as demonstrated by the attached supplier documentation.

Signature _____ Title _____
 Printed Name _____ Date _____ Phone Number _____

September 2020



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example:

2.3 ounces sliced may credit as 1 oz eq

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Meat Alternates

1 ounce meat equivalent =

- 2 TBSP Peanut butter/nut butters
- 1 oz. Cheese
- 4 oz. Yogurt/Greek yogurt
- ½ Large egg
- ¼ cup Legumes/beans/peas -may only count as meat alternate or vegetable



Crediting Smoothie-Meat/Meat Alternate

Smoothie

- fruit ½ cup
- yogurt 1 oz eq
- juice ½ cup



[Smoothies offered in Child Nutrition Programs USDA Memo SP40](#)



Alternate Protein Products

- Legume Pasta made with 100% legume flour
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ c = 2 oz eq but must be served with an additional meat or meat alternate to credit
- Tofu
 - Must be commercially prepared
 - Must be recognizable in meal
- Tempeh
 - USDA guidance [SP 25-2019](#)

[Food Buying Guide](#) provides product requirements and serving sizes for oz eq as a meat alternate