Lunch Meal Pattern

	Preschool	Grades K-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12
Food Components	Amount of Food per Week (minimum per day)			
Fruits (cups)	11/4 (1/4)	2½ (½)	2½ (½)	5 (1)
Vegetables (cups)	11/4 (1/4)	33/4 (3/4)	33/4 (3/4)	5 (1)
Dark Green	N/A	1/2	1/2	1/2
Red/Orange		3/4	3/4	11/4
Beans and Peas (Legumes)		1/2	1/2	1/2
Starchy		1/2	1/2	1/2
Other		1/2	1/2	3/4
Additional Vegetables to Reach Total		1	1	11/2
Grains (ounce equivalents (oz. eq.), unless otherwise indicated)	1 ¼ slices/servings (½ slice/serving) or 1¼ cup (¼ cup)	8-9 (1)	8-10 (1)	10-12 (2)
Meats/Meat Alternates (oz. eq.)	7½ (1½)	8-10 (1)	9-10 (1)	10-12 (2)
Fluid Milk (cups)	3¾ (¾)	5 (1)	5 (1)	5 (1)
	Other Specifications: Daily Amount Based on the Average for a 5-Day Week			
Min-Max Calories (kcal)	N/A	550-650	600-700	750-850
Saturated Fat (% of total calories)	N/A	<10	<10	<10
Sodium Target 1 (mg) (through SY 2023-24)	N/A	≤1,230	≤1,230	≤1,230
Sodium Target 2 (mg) (effective July 1, 2024)		≤935	≤1,035	≤1,080
Trans Fat	N/A	Nutrition label or manufacturer specifications must indicate zero grams of <i>trans</i> fat per serving. (This does not apply to naturally occurring <i>trans</i> fats, present in some meat and dairy products.)		