

The final rule “Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs” (RIN 0584-AD59) adopts the provisions in the proposed rule, except as noted below:

	<b>Proposed Rule</b>	<b>Final Rule Modification</b>
<b>NSLP</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Requirement</b>
Grains	Offer one ounce minimum daily (for K-8), two ounce minimum daily (for 9-12), with weekly minimums of 9-12 ounces depending on age/grade group.	Weekly minimums are reduced from 9-12 ounces to 8-10 ounces depending on age/grade group.
Grains	Allow schools to meet part of the weekly grains requirement with grain-based desserts (up to 1 grain-based dessert daily)	Limit grain-based desserts to two per week.
Starchy Vegetables	Limit starchy vegetables to 1 cup per week at lunch for all grades.	* No maximum limits on starchy vegetables or any other vegetable subgroup; establishes a weekly requirement for all vegetable subgroups identified by the DGAs
Vegetable Subgroups	Meal pattern requires vegetable subgroups weekly (cup): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dark green, orange &amp; legumes: <math>\geq \frac{1}{2}</math>c</li> <li>• Starchy <math>\leq 1</math></li> <li>• Other (per DGA) <math>\geq 1.25</math> c (grades K-5 &amp; 6-8), and <math>\geq 2.5</math> c (grades 9-12)</li> </ul>	* Meal pattern does not include a starchy vegetable limit and requires schools to offer at least minimum quantities of all vegetable subgroups weekly (cup): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dark green <math>\geq \frac{1}{2}</math> c</li> <li>• Red/orange <math>\geq \frac{3}{4}</math> c (grades K-5, 6-8) and <math>\geq 1 \frac{1}{4}</math> c (grade 9-12)</li> <li>• Bean/Peas (legumes) <math>\geq \frac{1}{2}</math> c</li> <li>• Starchy <math>\geq \frac{1}{2}</math> c</li> <li>• Other (as defined in §210.10(c)(2)) <math>\geq \frac{1}{2}</math> c (grades K-5 &amp; 6-8), and <math>\geq \frac{3}{4}</math> c (grades 9-12). (“Other” vegetables requirement may be met with overages in Dark green, Red/orange, and Beans /Peas subgroups.)</li> </ul> <p>Added “Additional Vegetable to Reach Total” to allow schools to offer any vegetable subgroup to meet the total weekly vegetable requirement.</p>
Sodium	Meet intermediate sodium targets at 2 and 4 years post implementation and the final target 10-years post implementation.	Meet the second intermediate target no later than 5 years post implementation.  States that USDA will evaluate data on sodium intake and human health prior to implementing final target as proposed.
Meat/Meat Alternate	Solicited public comments on crediting tofu as a meat alternate.	Allow tofu as a meat alternate.
Nutrient Analysis	Use two weeks worth of menus for the nutrient analysis of school meals.	Use one-week of menus for the nutrient analysis.
Offer vs Serve	Reimbursable meal must include a fruit or a vegetable (required quantity not	Reimbursable meal must include at least $\frac{1}{2}$ c of a fruit or a vegetable.

	specified).	
Tomato paste crediting	Credit all fruits and vegetables (including tomato paste and puree) based on volume as served.	* Adopted as proposed, except the change in tomato paste crediting.
Protein group	Solicited comments on whether to require the specific protein food subgroups identified in the 2010 DGAs.	Protein food subgroups not required.
<b>SBP</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Requirement</b>
Implementation of requirements	Implement requirements in SY 2012/13	Phase-in the new requirements in the SBP (SY 2013/14 through 2022/23, <a href="#">see attached implementation timeline</a> ). Exception: milk requirement will be implemented in SY 2012/13, in accordance with HHFKA, to offer milk variety recommended by DGAs. (Existing SBP requirements were moved to §220.23 and apply in SY 2012/13. New meal requirement established in §220.8take effect beginning SY 2013/14, except milk).
Fruit	Offer 1 c fruit daily. Allow school to offer <i>non-starchy</i> vegetables in place of fruit.	Offer 1 c of fruit daily beginning SY 2014-2015. * Allow schools to offer vegetables may be substituted for fruits, but the first two cups per week of any such substitution must be from the dark green, red/orange, beans and peas (legumes) or "Other vegetables" subgroups, as defined in 210.10(c)(2).
Offer vs Serve	Reimbursable meal must include a fruit or a vegetable (required quantity not specified).	Reimbursable meal must include at least ½ c of a fruit or a vegetable. Schools must offer at least four items as part of the three required SBP components to exercise OVS.
Grains	Offer one ounce minimum daily, with weekly minimums of : 7-10 oz eq (grades K-5) 8-10 oz eq (grades 6-8) 9-10 oz eq (grades 9-12)	Same weekly grain ranges, but allows schools discretion to offer a meat/meat alternate to meet the weekly grains requirement after the minimum daily grains requirement in the SBP is met.
Meat/Meat Alternate	Offer a Meat/Meat Alternate daily.	Drop requirement for a separate meat/meat alternate component in SBP.

\*Changed in response to FY 2012 Agriculture Appropriations Act.