

Meal and Snack Requirements

The number of meals, snacks and/or breakfast provided by a licensed child care center is to be available as follows:

Center Hours of Operation	Meals and Snacks Available
4 to 8 hours per day	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 meal and 1 snack • 1 meal and breakfast
More than 8 hours and fewer than 14 hours per day	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 meal and 2 snacks • 1 meal and breakfast • 1 meal and 1 snack • 2 meals and 1 snack
More than 14 hours or overnight	breakfast, 2 meals and 2 snacks
After school for school children	1 snack

The content of meals, snacks and breakfast is to be selected from the following four basic food groups:

1. Meat or meat alternative
2. Breads and grains
3. Fruits and vegetables (juices may be used if 100% and undiluted)
4. Fluid Milk (see appendix C to rule 5101:2-12-22)

Meal, snack and breakfast food group requirements:

Type of Feeding	Food Group
Meal (provide 1/3 of the recommended daily dietary allowances as specified by the United States Department of Agriculture USDA)	All of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 serving of fluid milk • 1 serving of meat or meat alternative • 1 serving of fruit* • 1 serving of vegetables* • 1 serving of bread and grains
Breakfast	1 serving each from 3 of the 4 basic food groups
Snack	1 serving each from 2 of the 4 basic food groups

*A vegetable may be used to meet the entire fruit requirement. When two vegetables are served at lunch or dinner, two different kinds of vegetables are to be served.