NUTRITION GUIDELINE SUMMARY

for Student Nutrition Programs (SNP)

What is a healthy SNP meal?

• Breakfast, Morning meal (3-food group snack), Lunch

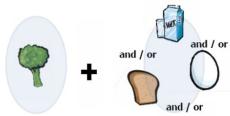


Includes:

- 1 serving of Vegetables and Fruit
- 1 serving of Milk and Alternatives
- 1 serving of Grain products and/or Meat and Alternatives

What is a healthy SNP snack?

• 2-food group snack



Includes:

- 1 serving of Vegetables and Fruit
- 1 serving of Milk and Alternatives and/or Grain Products and/or Meat and Alternatives

Menu Planning Checklist

	Requirements	Yes
1	Meal or Snack meets food group requirements (as indicated on this page)	
2	All foods offered meet SNP Nutrition Guidelines	
3	All main ingredients in mixed dishes meet SNP Nutrition Guidelines	
4	"Do not serve" items are not included	
5	Minor ingredients are used in small amounts	
6	Tap water is available	

Adapted from Ministry of Children and Youth Services (2016). Student Nutrition Program Nutrition Guidelines 2016. Government of Ontario. Queen's Printer for Ontario.

Vegetables and Fruit

1. Serve a full serving of Vegetables and Fruit at every meal or snack.

Serve (examples)	Do Not Serve (examples)
 fresh, frozen vegetables and fruit with 	 fruit-flavoured drink, cocktail, punch
no added sugar, salt or sauce	 fruit rolls, snacks, gummies
 unsweetened fruit sauce, blends 	 vegetable and fruit chips
 canned fruit in water or juice, drained 	 French fries, hash browns, battered
 canned vegetables low sodium[▲], no salt 	potato or vegetable
or drained	 sweetened fruit sauce, fruit canned in
 dried fruit with no added sugar 	heavy syrup
• 100% juice, fruit or vegetable▲:	• raw sprouts
maximum once a week	 creamy, canned and instant vegetable
	soups that are not low in sodium▲

Grain Products

Choose products with whole grain and/or whole wheat first on the ingredients list. Examples: Whole grain whole wheat, Whole grain couscous, Whole grain rye, barley, Wild or whole grain brown rice, brown rice, whole oats, rolled oats, Corn and corn meal

Bread products, Grain-based snacks, Pasta, Rice and Grains

1. Choose products with whole grain and/or whole wheat first on ingredients list.

Serve (examples)	Do Not Serve (examples)
Bread products: • bread, English muffins, pita, buns, bagels, rolls, tortilla, roti, pizza crust • pancakes, waffles • flatbread, naan	Bread-products: • flavoured, sugar coated breads, bagels
Grain-based snacks, Pasta, Rice and Grains:	Grain-based snacks, Pasta, Rice and Grains: instant ramen and soups instant flavoured rice and noodle dishes rice chips, potato chips, snack chips

Cereals and baked goods

- 1. Choose products with whole grain and/or whole wheat first on ingredients list.
- 2. Less than 8 g sugar per 30 g serving.

Serve (examples)	Do Not Serve (examples)
• cold/dry cereals	any item with chocolate, candy,
 oatmeal, instant oatmeal, porridge 	marshmallow or yogurt dip or pieces
 muffins, scones, biscuits 	croissants, pastries, toaster pastries
	• cakes, donuts, pies, squares

Milk and Alternatives

1. Serve at every meal.

Serve (examples)	Do Not Serve (examples)
 milk and fortified soy beverage yogurt hard cheese, cheese strings chocolate/flavoured milk: maximum once a week 	 unfortified soy beverage hot chocolate, milkshake, cream processed cheese slices and spreads

Meat and Alternatives

1. Serve meat alternatives such as eggs, beans, lentils more often.

Serve (examples)	Do Not Serve (examples)
• eggs	• salted, candied or coated nuts* or seeds*
• hummus	• bacon, hotdogs (meat/poultry or soy)
 dried or canned beans, lentils (drained, 	• pre-frozen breaded products (fish, meat
rinsed)	or soy)
• veggie burgers	 frozen or prepared meat pies, flaky meat
• canned light tuna	patties
 fresh or frozen fish, meat 	• deli meats
• nuts*, seeds*, nutbutter*	• canned white, albacore tuna

^{*} nut and seed foods: always follow your school or centre's Allergy and Anaphylaxis policy

Minor Ingredients

May be served in small amounts

- condiments (e.g. cream cheese, ketchup, mustard)
- dips (e.g. salad dressing, sour cream, baba ganoush, spinach dip)
- sweets and spreads (e.g. honey, jam, jelly, fruit butter, syrup)
- oils, dressings, spreads (e.g. butter, non-hydrogenated margarine, mayonnaise, salad dressing)
- toppings and extras (e.g. peppers, olives, pickles, parmesan)
- gravies, sauces

Do Not Serve

Beverages	 Snack foods energy or meal replacement bars candy, chocolate, marshmallows, gummies, jelly desserts frozen treats (e.g. popsicles, frozen yogurt, ice cream, slushies, frozen juice snacks)
Ingredients: • hard margarine • lard or shortening	 foods with artificial trans fats (e.g. hydrogenated oil) palm oil

How to Read Nutrition Labelling

Nutrition labelling is information found on the labels of prepackaged foods. It includes the Nutrition Facts table and ingredient list. Use the information found there to choose foods to "Serve".



Reference amount

"Low in sodium" means less than or equal to 140 mg of sodium per reference amount.

Hot and cold cereals, baked goods and granola bars should have less than or equal to 8 g of sugar per 30 g serving.





Important Principles:

- Always have one person who has attended the Food Safety and Nutrition Workshop within the last 2 years, when the program is running.
 - o Practice safe food handling.
- Always offer tap water.
- Serving sizes should be appropriate to the appetites of the participants.
 Serve extras when possible.
- Minimize food and packaging waste as much as possible.
- Always follow your school or centre's Allergy and Anaphylaxis Policy.

If you have questions about nutrition or food safety, call your Registered Dietitian, your Public Health Inspector, or reach them through Toronto Public Health at 416-338-7600.

Your program's Registered Dietitian:
Your program's Health Inspector:
Your program's Animator:
Your program's School Board Representative:
Your program's Foundation Representative: