

FOODSERVICE CHILD PROGRAM GUIDE

PRODUCTS & CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS



Zee Zees® Products	Item Size	Meal Contribution	Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)			School Meals			Summer Feeding	
			Classic Meal Pattern ¹	Comingled ²	At-Risk Afterschool ³	School Breakfast Program (SBP)	National School Lunch Program (NSLP)	Afterschool Snack	Seamless Summer Option (SSO) ⁴	Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
Applesauce Cups	4.5 oz	1/2 Cup FRT	Yes ^{5, 6}	Yes	Yes ⁶	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fruit Cups	4.5 oz	1/2 Cup FRT 3/4 Cup FRT (Four Fruit)	Yes ⁷	Yes	Yes ⁷	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dried Fruit	1.33 oz & 1.45 oz	1/2 Cup FRT	Yes ¹⁰	Yes ¹⁰	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes ¹¹
Soft Baked Bars	2.2 oz	2 GRN	No ⁸	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	1.8 oz	1 GRN	No ⁸	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	1.3 oz	1 GRN	No ⁸	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Graham Crackers	1 oz	1 GRN	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Crackers	0.8 oz	1 GRN	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Half-Popped Popcorn	1.28 oz	1 GRN	Yes ^{10, 12}	Yes ¹⁰	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sunflower Kernels	1.2 oz	1 M/MA	Yes ^{10, 12}	Yes ¹⁰	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Roasted Chickpeas	0.75 oz	1 M/MA or 1/4 Cup VEG	Yes ^{10, 12}	Yes ¹⁰	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fava Bean Crisps	1.5 oz	2 M/MA or 1/2 Cup VEG	Yes ^{10, 12}	Yes ¹⁰	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hummus Cups	3 oz	1 1/2 M/MA or 3/8 Cup VEG	Yes ⁹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	4.5 oz	2 1/4 M/MA or 5/8 Cup VEG	Yes ⁹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bean Dipz™ Cups	3 oz	1 1/4 M/MA or 3/8 Cup VEG	Yes ⁹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	4.5 oz	2 M/MA or 1/2 Cup VEG	Yes ⁹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Trail Mix	2.16 oz & 2.27 oz	1 M/MA & 1/2 Cup FRT	Yes ^{10, 12}	Yes ¹⁰	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes ¹¹

- Product compliance for this column follows CACFP regulations outlined in 7 CFR Parts 210, 215, 220 and 226.
- United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) recognizes that some schools serve meals to preschoolers and K-5 students in the same area simultaneously. Commingled situations may cause counting and claiming issues due to the different meal pattern requirements between preschoolers and K-5 students and how challenging it may be to determine which group a child belongs to. To reduce administrative burdens and ensure integrity of Child Nutrition Programs (GNP), schools that are considered comingled may choose to follow the grade-appropriate meal patterns for each grade group, or serve the K-5 NSLP and SBP meal patterns under parts 7 CFR 210.10 and 220.8 to both grade groups as stated in Memo SP 37-2017.
- To be eligible to operate the At-Risk After School Meals component of CACFP, an after school program must: (1) be organized primarily to provide care for children after school or on the weekends, holidays, or school vacations during the regular school year, (2) provide organized regularly scheduled education or enrichment activities, and (3) be located in an attendance area of school where ≥ 50% of the children are eligible for free or reduced price meals (see Part I, Section c) [7 CFR 226.2, 7 CFR 226.17a(b)]. SFAs preparing at-risk after school meals may choose to use the NSLP and SBP or CACFP meal pattern requirements [7 CFR 226.20(i)].
- The Seamless Summer Option follows NSLP and SBP meal pattern requirements outlined in 7 CFR 210.10 and 220.8, respectively.
- Zee Zees Applesauce Cups aligns with the CACFP best practices to reduce added sugars in child meals.
- May be combined with an additional 1/4 cup fruit to meet 3/4 cup FRT meal contribution for children ages 13-18 or to meet CACFP snack meal pattern requirements.
- Zee Zees Four Fruit Mixed Fruit Cup, 4.5 oz (Item Code: AI760) meets 3/4 cup FRT meal contribution and is available for children ages 13-18 or to meet CACFP snack meal pattern requirements.
- Bars are considered grain based desserts according to Exhibit A as specified in §§226.20(a)(4) and 210.10. Centers and day care homes have the flexibility to serve grain based desserts as additional food items; however, it cannot contribute to the meal components and must be purchased with non-food funds.
- National Food Group has a Product Formulation Sheet (PFS) on file for our commercially-prepared Hummus and Bean Dipz™ Cups to be creditable under CACFP guidelines per the State Agency Memo: CACFP 10-2014.
- Dried Fruit, Sunflower Kernels, Roasted Chickpeas, Fava Bean Crisps, and Half-Popped Popcorn are considered choking hazards for children < 4 years old. To further reduce the risk of choking for young children, we suggest not serving dried fruit. Raisins can be cooked and other items can be finely chopped to prevent this result. Do not serve these items to infants.
- Dried Fruit only meets 1/4 cup FRT under the Summer Food Service Program crediting guidelines that state dried fruit credits based on volume served. The School Food Authority (SFA) may choose to follow NSLP guidelines in 7 CFR 225.16 for summer feeding that credits 1/4 cup dried fruit as 1/2 cup FRT. Please refer to the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs.
- Only developmentally appropriate foods are reimbursable for infants < 1 year old. Please reference USDA guidance for more information.

Please refer to your state agency guidance which may have additional requirements