## EXHIBIT A: GRAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS<sup>1,2</sup>

Color Key: Footnote 5 = Blue, Footnote 3 or 4 = Red

Group A	Ounce Equivalent (Oz Eq) for Group A	Minimum Serving Size for Group A
Bread type coating	1 oz eq = 22 gm or $0.8$ oz	1 serving = $20 \text{ gm or } 0.7 \text{ oz}$
Bread sticks (hard)	3/4 oz eq = 17 gm or 0.6 oz	3/4 serving = 15 gm or 0.5 oz
Chow Mein noodles	1/2 oz eq = 11 gm or 0.4 oz	1/2 serving = 10 gm or 0.4 oz
• Savory Crackers (saltines and snack crackers)	1/4  oz eq = 6  gm or  0.2  oz	1/4  serving = 5  gm or  0.2  oz
• Croutons		
• Pretzels (hard)		
• Stuffing (dry) Note: weights apply to bread in stuffing.		
Group B	Oz Eq for Group B	Minimum Serving Size for Group B
Bagels	1 oz eq = $28 \text{ gm or } 1.0 \text{ oz}$	1 serving = $25 \text{ gm or } 0.9 \text{ oz}$
Batter type coating	3/4 oz eq = 21 gm or 0.75 oz	3/4 serving = 19 gm or 0.7 oz
Biscuits	1/2 oz eq = 14 gm or 0.5 oz	1/2 serving = 13 gm or 0.5 oz
Breads - all (for example sliced, French, Italian)	1/4  oz eq = 7  gm or  0.25  oz	1/4  serving = 6  gm or  0.2  oz
Buns (hamburger and hot dog)		
• Sweet Crackers <sup>5</sup> (graham crackers - all shapes, animal		
crackers)		
Egg roll skins		
• English muffins		
Pita bread		
Pizza crust		
• Pretzels (soft)		
• Rolls		
Tortillas		
Tortilla chips		
Taco shells		

In NSLP and SBP (grades K-12), all grains served must meet whole grain-rich criteria. For information on flexibilities, please contact your State agency. For all other Child Nutrition Programs, grains are whole grain or enriched or made with enriched or whole-grain meal and/or flour, bran, and/or germ. Under CACFP child and adult meal patterns, and in NSLP/SBP preschool meals, at least one grain serving per day must meet whole grain-rich criteria.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For NSLP and SBP (grades K-12), grain quantities are determined using ounce equivalents (oz eq). All other Child Nutrition Programs determine grain quantities using grains/bread servings. Beginning Oct. 1, 2019, grain quantities in CACFP and NSLP/SBP infant and preschool meals will be determined using oz eq. Some of the following grains may contain more sugar, salt, and/or fat than others. This should be a consideration when deciding how often to serve them.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Allowed in NSLP (up to 2.0 oz eq grain-based dessert per week in grades K-12) as specified in §210.10. May count towards the grain component in SBP (grades K-12), CACFP, NSLP/SBP infant and preschool meals, and SFSP.

Group C	Oz Eq for Group C	Minimum Serving Size for Group C
• Cookies <sup>3</sup> (plain - includes vanilla wafers)	1 oz eq = 34 gm or $1.2$ oz	1 serving = 31 gm or 1.1 oz
Cornbread	3/4  oz eq = 26  gm or  0.9  oz	3/4 serving = 23 gm or 0.8 oz
• Corn muffins	1/2  oz eq = 17  gm or  0.6  oz	1/2 serving = 16 gm or 0.6 oz
• Croissants	1/4  oz eq = 9  gm or  0.3  oz	1/4  serving = 8  gm or  0.3  oz
Pancakes		
• Pie crust (dessert pies <sup>3</sup> , cobbler <sup>3</sup> , fruit turnovers <sup>4</sup> , and		
meat/meat alternate pies)		
• Waffles		
Group D	Oz Eq for Group D	Minimum Serving Size for Group D
• Doughnuts <sup>4</sup> (cake and yeast raised, unfrosted)	1 oz eq = $55 \text{ gm or } 2.0 \text{ oz}$	1 serving = 50 gm or 1.8 oz
• Cereal bars, breakfast bars, granola bars <sup>4</sup> (plain)	3/4 oz eq = 42 gm or 1.5 oz	3/4 serving = 38 gm or 1.3 oz
• Muffins (all, except corn)	1/2  oz eq = 28  gm or  1.0  oz	1/2  serving = 25  gm or  0.9  oz
• Sweet roll <sup>4</sup> (unfrosted)	1/4  oz eq = 14  gm or  0.5  oz	1/4  serving = 13  gm or  0.5  oz
• Toaster pastry <sup>4</sup> (unfrosted)		
Group E	Oz Eq for Group E	Minimum Serving Size for Group E
• Cereal bars, breakfast bars, granola bars <sup>4</sup> (with nuts,	1 oz eq = 69 gm or 2.4 oz	1 serving = 63 gm or 2.2 oz
dried fruit, and/or chocolate pieces)	3/4  oz eq = 52  gm or  1.8  oz	3/4  serving = 47  gm or  1.7  oz
• Cookies <sup>3</sup> (with nuts, raisins, chocolate pieces and/or fruit	1/2  oz eq = 35  gm or  1.2  oz	1/2  serving = 31  gm or  1.1  oz
purees)	1/4  oz eq = 18  gm or  0.6  oz	1/4  serving = 16  gm or  0.6  oz
• Doughnuts <sup>4</sup> (cake and yeast raised, frosted or glazed)		
French toast		
• Sweet rolls <sup>4</sup> (frosted)		
• Toaster pastry <sup>4</sup> (frosted)		
Group F	Oz Eq for Group F	Minimum Serving Size for Group F
• Cake <sup>3</sup> (plain, unfrosted)	1 oz eq = $82 \text{ gm or } 2.9 \text{ oz}$	1 serving = 75 gm or 2.7 oz
• Coffee cake <sup>4</sup>	3/4  oz eq = 62  gm or  2.2  oz	3/4  serving = 56  gm or  2  oz
	1/2  oz eq = 41  gm or  1.5  oz	1/2  serving = 38  gm or  1.3  oz
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Allowed in NSLP (up to 2.0 oz eq grain-based dessert per week in grades K-12) as specified in §210.10 and at snack service in SFSP. Considered a grain-based dessert and cannot count towards the grain component in CACFP or NSLP/SBP infant and preschool meals, as specified in §\$226.20(a)(4) and 210.10.

<sup>4</sup> Allowable in NSLP (up to 2.0 oz eq grain-based dessert per week for grades K-12) as specified in §210.10. May count towards the grain component in SBP (grades K-12) and at snack and breakfast meals in SFSP. Considered a grain-based dessert and cannot count towards the grain component in the CACFP and NSLP/SBP infant and preschool meals, as specified in §\$26.20(a)(4) and 210.10.

	Group G	Oz Eq for Group G	Minimum Serving Size for Group G
•	Brownies <sup>3</sup> (plain)	1 oz eq = $125 \text{ gm or } 4.4 \text{ oz}$	1 serving = 115 gm or 4 oz
•	Cake <sup>3</sup> (all varieties, frosted)	3/4 oz eq = 94 gm or 3.3 oz	3/4  serving = 86  gm or  3  oz
		1/2 oz eq = 63 gm or 2.2 oz	1/2  serving = 58  gm or  2  oz
		1/4  oz eq = 32  gm or  1.1  oz	1/4  serving = 29  gm or  1  oz
	Group H	Oz Eq for Group H	Minimum Serving Size for Group H
•	Cereal Grains (barley, quinoa, etc.)	1 oz eq = $1/2$ cup cooked or 1 ounce (28	1 serving = 1/2 cup cooked or 25 gm dry
•	Breakfast cereals (cooked) <sup>6,7</sup>	gm) dry	
•	Bulgur or cracked wheat		
•	Macaroni (all shapes)		
•	Noodles (all varieties)		
•	Pasta (all shapes)		
•	Ravioli (noodle only)		
•	Rice		
	Group I	Oz Eq for Group I	Minimum Serving Size for Group I
•	Ready to eat breakfast cereal (cold, dry) <sup>6,7</sup>	1 oz eq = 1 cup or 1 ounce for flakes and	1 serving = $3/4$ cup or 1 oz, whichever is
		rounds	less
		1 oz eq = $1.25$ cups or 1 ounce for puffed	
		cereal	
		1 oz eq = $1/4$ cup or 1 ounce for granola	

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Refer to program regulations for the appropriate serving size for supplements served to children aged 1 through 5 in the NSLP; breakfast served in the SBP, and meals served to children ages 1 through 5 and adult participants in the CACFP. Breakfast cereals are traditionally served as a breakfast menu item but may be served in meals other than breakfast.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> In the NSLP and SBP, cereals must list a whole grain as the first ingredient and be fortified, or if the cereal is 100 percent whole grain, fortification is not required. For CACFP and SFSP, cereals must be whole-grain, enriched, or fortified; cereals served in CACFP and NSLP/SBP infant and preschool meals must contain no more than 6 grams of sugar per dry ounce.