What's for Lunch ANSWER KEY Worksheet 4 – Menu Planning

For each menu below, indicate whether the **planned lunch** meets the **DAILY** meal pattern requirements for the specified grade group. If the lunch does not meet the meal pattern, indicate what modifications are needed for a reimbursable meal.

| Menu | Does menu meet DAILY meal pattern requirements? If "no," indicate modifications needed. |
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| Lunch Menu 1 – Grades K-5 Lasagna (1.5 ounces cheese, ½ cup whole grain-rich noodles, ¼ cup sauce) Romaine salad, 1 cup Cantaloupe slices, ½ cup Choice of low-fat unflavored or fat-free unflavored or flavored milk, 1 cup | yes ono This menu is planned to include all five food components in at least the minimum required portion sizes for grades K-5. |
| Lunch Menu 2 – Grades 9-12 Lasagna (2 ounces cheese, 1 cup whole grain-rich noodles, ¼ cup sauce) Romaine salad, 1 cup Cantaloupe slices, 1 cup Choice of low-fat unflavored or fat-free unflavored or flavored milk, 1 cup | yes no The vegetables component requires 1 cup for grades 9-12 but this meal contains only ¾ cup total (1 cup of salad and ¼ cup of tomato sauce). It needs ¼ cup more vegetables to comply. Remember that raw leafy greens count as only HALF of the volume served, so the 1 cup of romaine salad counts as ½ cup of vegetables. |
| Lunch Menu 3 – Grades 9-12 Chicken fajita wrap (1.5 ounces cooked chicken, 1 ounce cheese, ¼ cup lettuce, ¼ cup tomato), 2-ounce whole-grain tortilla Sweet potato fries, ¾ cup Raisins, ½ cup Choice of low-fat unflavored or fat-free unflavored or flavored milk, 1 cup | This menu is planned to include all five food components in at least the minimum required portion sizes for grades 9-12. Remember that raw leady greens credit at half the column served, so ½ cup of lettuce (½ cup) with ½ cup of tomato total ½ cup, plus ¾ cup of sweet potatoes fries equals 1 ½ cups total, which exceeds the minimum daily requirement of 1 cup. Remember that dried fruit counts as TWICE the volume served, so ½ cup of raisins counts as 1 cup of fruit. |



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