## What's for Lunch <br> 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? <br> If "no," indicate modifications needed. |
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| Lunch Menu 1 - Grades K-5 <br> Lasagna ( 1.5 ounces cheese, $1 / 2$ cup whole grain-rich noodles, $1 / 4$ cup sauce) <br> Romaine salad, 1 cup <br> Cantaloupe slices, $1 / 2$ cup <br> Choice of low-fat unflavored or fat-free unflavored or flavored milk, 1 cup | yes no <br> 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 <br> Lasagna ( 2 ounces cheese, 1 cup whole grain-rich noodles, $1 / 4$ cup sauce) <br> Romaine salad, 1 cup <br> Cantaloupe slices, 1 cup <br> Choice of low-fat unflavored or fat-free unflavored or flavored milk, 1 cup | yes <br> no <br> The vegetables component requires 1 cup for grades $9-12$ but this meal contains only $3 / 4$ cup total ( 1 cup of salad and $1 / 4$ cup of tomato sauce). It needs $1 / 4$ cup more vegetables to comply. <br> Remember that raw leafy greens count as only HALF of the volume served, so the 1 cup of romaine salad counts as $1 / 2$ cup of vegetables. |
| Lunch Menu 3 - Grades 9-12 <br> Chicken fajita wrap ( 1.5 ounces cooked chicken, 1 ounce cheese, $1 / 4$ cup lettuce, $1 / 4$ cup tomato), <br> 2-ounce whole-grain tortilla <br> Sweet potato fries, $3 / 4$ cup <br> Raisins, $1 / 2$ cup <br> Choice of low-fat unflavored or fat-free unflavored or flavored milk, 1 cup | ye $\square$ no <br> This menu is planned to include all five food components in at least the minimum required portion sizes for grades 9-12. <br> Remember that raw leady greens credit at half the column served, so $1 / 4$ cup of lettuce ( $1 / 8$ cup) with $1 / 4$ cup of tomato total $3 / 8$ cup, plus $3 / 4$ cup of sweet potatoes fries equals $1 \frac{1}{8}$ cups total, which exceeds the minimum daily requirement of $\mathbf{1}$ cup. <br> Remember that dried fruit counts as TWICE the volume served, so $1 / 2$ cup of raisins counts as 1 cup of fruit. |

The Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) What's for Lunch workshop training materials are available on the CSDE's Meal Pattern Training Materials Web page. This worksheet is available at www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdff/deps/nutrition/nslp/wfi/wflws4A.
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