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Week 1	MONDAY Date:	TUESDAY Date:	WEDNESDAY Date:	THURSDAY Date:	FRIDAY Date:
<b>Breakfast Meal Pattern</b>					
<b>RECIPES &amp; LINKS</b>					
Vegetable, fruit or both					
Meat /Meat Alternate* (optional)					
Grains/Breads					
Fluid Milk **					
Other Foods (optional)					
<b>Lunch or Supper Meal Pattern</b>					
<b>RECIPES &amp; LINKS</b>					
Vegetable					
Fruit					
Meat / Meat Alternate*					
Grains/Breads					
Fluid Milk**					
Other Foods (optional)					
<b>Snack Pattern</b>					
<b>RECIPES &amp; LINKS</b>					
Vegetable					
Fruit					
Meat / Meat Alternate*					
Grains/Breads					
Fluid Milk**					

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<b>Breakfast Meal Pattern</b>					
<b>RECIPES &amp; LINKS</b>					
Vegetable, fruit or both					
Meat /Meat Alternate* (optional)					
Grains/Breads					
Fluid Milk **					
Other Foods (optional)					
<b>Lunch or Supper Meal Pattern</b>					
<b>RECIPES &amp; LINKS</b>					
Vegetable					
Fruit					
Meat / Meat Alternate*					
Grains/Breads					
Fluid Milk**					
Other Foods (optional)					
<b>Snack Pattern</b>					
<b>RECIPES &amp; LINKS</b>					
Vegetable					
Fruit					
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Week 3	MONDAY Date:	TUESDAY Date:	WEDNESDAY Date:	THURSDAY Date:	FRIDAY Date:
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<b>RECIPES &amp; LINKS</b>					
Vegetable, fruit or both					
Meat /Meat Alternate* (optional)					
Grains/Breads					
Fluid Milk **					
Other Foods (optional)					
<b>Lunch or Supper Meal Pattern</b>					
<b>RECIPES &amp; LINKS</b>					
Vegetable					
Fruit					
Meat / Meat Alternate*					
Grains/Breads					
Fluid Milk**					
Other Foods (optional)					
<b>Snack Pattern</b>					
<b>RECIPES &amp; LINKS</b>					
Vegetable					
Fruit					
Meat / Meat Alternate*					
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<b>RECIPES &amp; LINKS</b>					
Vegetable, fruit or both					
Meat /Meat Alternate* (optional)					
Grains/Breads					
Fluid Milk **					
Other Foods (optional)					
<b>Lunch or Supper Meal Pattern</b>					
<b>RECIPES &amp; LINKS</b>					
Vegetable					
Fruit					
Meat / Meat Alternate*					
Grains/Breads					
Fluid Milk**					
Other Foods (optional)					
<b>Snack Pattern</b>					
<b>RECIPES &amp; LINKS</b>					
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Fruit					
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1. Personalize these menus electronically, enter your center name, institution number, and date boxes for each week
2. Enter menu items for meal components in the white boxes (example: corn, WG tortilla, black beans) and enter the recipe title in the green boxes above each meal time (example Veggie Quesadilla)
3. Optional: insert hyperlinks to online standardized recipes for quick access to recipes
  - These menus are designed to inspire programs to use seasonal, locally grown foods when possible.
  - Many foods can be choking hazards for children under four years of age. Please be sure to cut, steam, or mash them as appropriate. Avoid these foods altogether for children under age four: nuts and seeds, hot dogs, whole grapes, chunks of meat or cheese, hard chunks of raw vegetables or fruits (cuts into thin strips before serving). Encourage children to chew completely before swallowing to ensure safety.
  - Want to find out what's in season in North Carolina? Download this colorful chart:
    - [What's in Season? North Carolina fruit and Vegetable Availability](#)
    - Step 4—Purchasing: NC CACFP Meal Planning Success Guide
  - Like to learn more about Farm to Preschool? Gardening and Farm to Preschool Resources can be found on the North Carolina Nutrition Services Branch website: <http://nutritionnc.com/snp/index.htm>
    - [Farm to Preschool Toolkit—From the ASAP \(Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Program\)](#)
  - Where's your Local Farmers Market or roadside stand?
    - [Local Food Directory: NC Farmers Market Directory](#)
  - Selecting Cereal to Meet the New Meal Pattern
    - [Healthier Cereal Choices for use in the North Carolina CACFP](#)

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