MEAL PLANNING GUIDELINES FOR ELIMINATION DIETS FOR CHILDREN AGES 4-6

(The guidelines below are recommended ranges. Always follow the instructions of the child's dietitian for specific guidelines to meet the child's nutritional needs. If you suspect some of the foods within these guidelines are not allowed in the child's diet, please consult with the child's allergist or dietitian.)

FOOD GROUPS Serving Amount Needed per day	EXAMPLES & SERVING SIZES
Breads, Grains, & Cereals 5-6 of these choices	Chose whole grains or products made from the following: Amaranth, arrowroot, buckwheat, cassava, millet, quinoa, sorghum, tapioca, teff, If allowed: barley, corn, oats, rice, rye Bread, tortilla, roll, muffin, pancake, waffle – 1 Dry cereal – 1 cup Noodles, cooked cereal– ½ cup Crackers – 6 small
Proteins 2-3 of these choices	Animal protein (if allowed): Meat, chicken, turkey – 2 ounces (4 rounded Tablespoons or rounded ¼ cup) Vegetable protein: Cooked beans, peas, lentils (if allowed) – ½ cup Seed butter – 2 Tablespoons Elemental formula: Elecare Jr, Neocate Junior, – 1 cup
Milk Alternative 3-4 of these choices	Enriched coconut, hemp, oat, potato & rice mik – ¾ cup Elemental formula (Elecare Jr, Neocate Junior)– ¾ cup If these are not accepted, a calcium supplement may be recommended.
Vegetables 1½-2 cups	Asparagus, beets, bell peppers, broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, cucumber, leafy greens, mushrooms, onions, squash, string beans, sweet potato If allowed: beans, corn, peas, potato Cooked or raw –½ cup Choose a variety of colors each day.
Fruits 1 – 1 ½ cups	Apples, apricots, avocado, bananas, berries, grapes, kiwi, oranges, mango, melons, nectarines, papaya, peaches, pears, pineapple, plums Fresh, frozen or canned – ½ cup Juice – limit to ½ cup per day
Oils 4-5 teaspoons	Canola, olive, safflower, vegetable