



Standardizing Recipes for Child Nutrition Programs

Recipe Name:	The Mediterranean Bento
Category:	Meal
Portion Size(s):	1 each
Meal Components (as planned):	2 oz eq M/MA, 2 oz eq grain, 1 cup vegetable (red/orange), 1 cup fruit, 1 cup milk

	1 Portion					
Ingredients:	Weight	Measure				
USDA mozzarella cheese, cubed	4 oz	½ cup				
Whole grain-rich cheese crackers (2 oz eq)	2 oz					
Grapes, fresh		1 cup				
Baby carrots, fresh		1 cup				
White milk, 1%		1 cup				

Directions:

1. Place all items in a bag, container, or box.

HCCP: Serve at 140°F.

USDA Regulation Helpful Hint:

Offer versus Serve:

- Students must select 3 of the 5 planned components
 - One of the choices must be at least a ¹/₂ cup serving of the fruits or vegetables component
- If only three components are selected, and two of these are fruit and vegetable, the student may only select the ½ cup portion for the fruit OR vegetable.

Nutrients Per One Serving:

Calories	704	kcal	Total Fat	27	g	Total Dietary Fiber	9	g	Vitamin C	12	mg
Saturated Fat	14	g	Trans Fat	0	g	Protein	30	g	Iron	3	mg
Sodium	992	mg	Cholesterol	62	mg	Vitamin A	20,596	IU			
Sugars	42	g	Carbohydrate	87	g	Calcium	417	mg			

Components Per One Serving:

Meat/Meat ALT		Grain		Vegetable(s)		Fruit		Milk	
2	oz. eq.	2	oz. eq.	1	cups(s)	1	cup(s)	1	cup(s)

Vegetable Subgroups:

Dark Green		Red/Orange		Legumes		Starchy		Other	
0	cups(s)	1	cups(s)	0	cups(s)	0	cup(s)	0	cup(s)