Approved Cereal List

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Whole Grain-Rich (WGR):



Cheerios
Original, Multi Grain, and Veggie Blends



Corn, Rice, Wheat, Peanut Butter, Cinnamon, Blueberry, and Strawberry Vanilla



Shredded Wheat
Original



Mini Spooners
Frosted and Strawberry Cream



Frosted Mini Wheats
Original, Little Bites, Blueberry Muffin, Strawberry, Cinnamon Roll, & Cocoa



Wheaties Original



Kix Original and Honey



Grape Nuts Original & Flakes



Great GrainsBanana Nut, Cranberry Almond, Crunchy Pecan, Raisins Dates & Pecans



Oatmeal Squares Brown Sugar & Honey Nut



Life Original, Strawberry Blueberry Bliss, & Very Vanilla



Special K Protein & Triple Berry Blend



Total Whole Grain



Raisin Bran



Quaker Oatmeal Instant Flavored Lower Sugar



Plain Oats/Oatmeal All Brands - Old Fashioned, Quick/Instant, and Steel Cut

Generic Whole Grain-Rich Cereals:

Bran Flakes

Toasted/Crispy Oats

Frosted Shredded Wheat

Creditable but NOT Whole Grain-Rich:

These cereals can be served as a grain, but cannot be used as the whole grain-rich item for the day.



Cream of



Wheat Original



Malt-O-Meal Original & Chocolate



Corn Flakes



Crispix



Rice Krispies



Special K Original



Kellogg's All Bran Original & Buds



Honey Bunches of Oats Almonds, Cinnamon Bunches, Honey Roasted, Maple & Pecans, and Vanilla

Generic Non-Whole Grain-Rich Cereals:

Crispy Rice

Corn Flakes

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Granolas - Whole Grain-Rich (WGR):



Quaker Simply

Oats, Apples, Cranberries &

Almonds; Oats, Honey &

Almonds; Oats, Honey,

Raisins & Almonds



Quaker Protein
Maple & Brown Sugar



Bear Naked Banana Nut Blend, Cacao & Cashew Butter Crunch, Fruit & Nut Medley, Maple Pecan Crumble, Triple Berry Crunch, and Vanilla Almond Crisp



Nature Valley Reduced Sugar Vanilla Almond



Kodiak Honey Oat and Cookie Butter



Kirkland Signature Nature's Path Ancient Grains Prebiotic Granola



Nature's Path

Coconut & Cashew Butter, Coconut Chia, Honey Almond, Pumpkin Seed + Flax, and Vanilla Almond + Flax



Love Crunch

Apple Chia Crumble, Dark Chocolate & Coconut, Dark Chocolate & Peanut Butter, Dark Chocolate & Red Berries, and Protein Peanut Butter



Kind

Banana Peanut Butter, Cinnamon Oat, Dark Chocolate, Oats & Honey with Toasted Coconut, Peanut Butter, Raspberry with Chia Seeds, Vanilla Blueberry with Flax Seeds, Maple Quinoa with Chia Seeds

Serving Size	Added Sugar	
If the serving size is:	Added sugar cannot be more than:	
8-11 grams	2 grams	
12-16 grams	3 grams	
17-21 grams	4 grams	
22-25 grams	5 grams	
26-30 grams	6 grams	
31-35 grams	7 grams	
36-40 grams	8 grams	
41-44 grams	9 grams	
45-49 grams	10 grams	
50 - 54 grams	11 grams	
55 - 58 grams	12 grams	
59 - 63 grams	13 grams	
64 - 68 grams	14 grams	
69 - 73 grams	15 grams	
74 -77 grams	16 grams	
78 - 82 grams	17 grams	
83 - 87 grams	18 grams	
88 - 91 grams	19 grams	
92 - 96 grams	20 grams	
97 - 100 grams	21 grams	

This table and information to identify creditable cereals has been adapted from USDA FNS-653, September 2024.

How to Identify if a Cereal or Granola is Within the Sugar Limit:

Additional cereals may be creditable. Use this table to determine if a cereal is less than 6 grams of added sugar per dry ounce.

Added Sugar Limits in Cereal

- 1. Use the Nutrition Facts label to find the Serving Size, in grams (g), of the cereal.
- 2. Find the Added Sugars line. Look at the number of grams (g) next to Added Sugars.
- 3. Use the serving size identified in Step 1 to find he serving size of the cereal in the table to the left.
- 4. Once you have identified the serving size, look at the number to the right under the "Added Sugars" column. If the cereal has that amount of added sugar, or less, your cereal meets the sugar requirements.
- Determine Serving Size in grams

 Find the Added Sugars in grams
- 3. Does this cereal meet the sugar requirement?

(Answer: Yes, the maximum added sugar allowed for 40 grams of cereal is 8 grams. This cereal has 8 grams, so it is creditable.)



Example Cereal

Nutrition Facts West is servings per contains. Serving size 1 cup (40g)		
	% DV**	% DV*
Total Fat 3.5g*	5%	59
Saturated Fat 0g	0%	39
Trans Fat 0g		
Polyunsaturated Fat 1g		
Monounsaturated Fat 2.	5g	
Cholesterol Omg	0%	19
Sodium 230mg	10%	139
	12%	159
Total Carbohydrate 33g		
Total Carbohydrate 33g Dietary Fiber 2g	5%	59
	5%	59