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K-12 recipe guide



CRAFTED FOR KIDS





It's never been easier to serve reliable, kid-friendly meals with these recipes and fun-packed theme ideas from Basic American Foods. Every recipe is developed with consistency and kid-approved so they're sure to be a hit with your students and staff.









BOOST YOUR ADPwith reliable favorites

Basic American Foods potatoes and beans are 100% substitutable. Use your allocated pounds for any of our delicious potatoes and beans.

Potatoes: 110227 **Beans:** 110381

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MASHED POTATOES





CHEESY POTATOES OF LOVE

Yield: About 40, 4.3 oz servings

INGREDIENTS

1 pouch Potato Pearls® EXCEL® Original Butter Mashed, Reduced Sodium

1 lb + 4 1/8 oz American-blend Cheese, yellow, sliced

1 gal + 1 cup Hot Water (170-190°F) 1 (1 second) spray Cooking Spray

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Using a heart shaped cookie cutter (about $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ "), cut enough heart shapes out of each cheese slice. Set aside.
- 2. Pour hot water (170-190°F) into 6" deep half-steamtable pan.
- Add potatoes and remaining cheese slices without the heart cutouts. Stir for 15 seconds or until cheese is fully incorporated. Let stand for 5 minutes, stir well.
- 4. To serve, scoop about ½ cup of prepared cheesy potato mounds onto sheet pan(s) sprayed with cooking spray. Top with heart shapes. Place in the warmer for no longer than 30 minutes. Serve.

NUTRITION*

Cal. 111	Fat 3.5g	Sat. Fat 1.5g	Sod. 325mg	Carb. 15g	Prot. 5g
Componer	nts: .5 oz eq	M/MA, ½ cup St	archy Veg		



make it your own

 Stir in mix-ins like chopped turkey bacon, steamed broccoli, or ranch seasoning for extra flavor and variety.

^{*} Nutrition information is an approximate guideline, based upon supplier information and available reference data. These values may change based on your final products or preparation modifications.



 Use a muffin scoop to create uniform mounds, then decorate with sliced cucumbers, cherry tomato halves, or snap peas for fun facial expressions.

GHOST POTATOES

Yield: About 40, 4.25 oz servings

INGREDIENTS

1 pouch Potato Pearls® EXCEL® Original Butter Mashed, Reduced Sodium

1 gal + 1 cup Hot Water (170-190°F) 2 Tbsp + 1 tsp Granulated Garlic 1/3 cup + 2 tsp Parmesan Cheese, grated

1 (1 second) spray Cooking Spray

2 % oz Olives, black, canned, sliced, drained

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Pour hot water (170-190°F) into 6" deep half-steamtable pan.
- 2. Add potatoes, granulated garlic, and Parmesan cheese, stir for 15 seconds.
- 3. Let stand for 5 minutes, stir well. To serve, scoop about $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of prepared potato mounds onto sheet pan(s) sprayed with pan spray.
- Make ghost eyes by placing two olive slices on the side of each potato mound. Serve hot.

NUTRITION*

Cal. 79	Fat 1.5g	Sat. Fat 0.1g	Sod. 205mg	Carb. 14.5g	Prot. 2g
Componer	nts: ½ cup Sto	archy Veg			



make it your own

 Turn it into a 'Southwest Mash Bowl' by swapping BBQ sauce for salsa and adding black beans, corn, and a sprinkle of taco seasoning.

BBQ CHICKEN POTATO BOWL

Yield: About 40, 1 bowl servings

INGREDIENTS

1 pouch Potato Pearls® EXCEL® Original Butter Mashed, Reduced Sodium,

prepared

160 each Chicken Nuggets, prepared 2-#10 cans Corn, drained, heated

40 oz Cheddar Cheese, low sodium, shredded

40 oz BBQ Sauce, low sodium

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Prepare potatoes and chicken according to directions.
- To serve, measure about ½ cup mashed, ½ cup drained corn, 1 oz cheese, 1 oz BBQ sauce.
- Top with ½ cup drained hot corn, 1 oz shredded cheddar cheese, 1 oz BBQ sauce and 4 chicken nuggets.

NUTRITION*

Cal. 448	Fat 16g	Sat. Fat 5g	Sod. 782mg	Carb. 60g	Prot. 23g
Componer	nts: 1 oz eq N	M/MA, 1 cup Star	chy Veg		



 Make it a 'Meatball Sub Bowl' by using marinara, mozzarella, and serving with a breadstick on the side.

POWER MEATBALL POTATO BOWL

Yield: About 40, 1 bowl servings

INGREDIENTS

1 pouch Potato Pearls® EXCEL® Original Butter Mashed,

Reduced Sodium, prepared

80 each Meatballs, beef (1 oz each), prepared

2 qt + 2 cup Pasta Sauce

1 gal + 1 cup Hot Water (170-190°F)

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Prepare meatballs and mashed potatoes according to directions.
- 2. Heat sauce in a kettle or steamer. (Note: if heating in a steamer, heat covered to avoid additional moisture). Mix with meatballs.
- 3. To serve, scoop about ½ cup of mashed potatoes, topped with 1 oz equivalent meatballs and ¼ cup sauce.

NUTRITION*

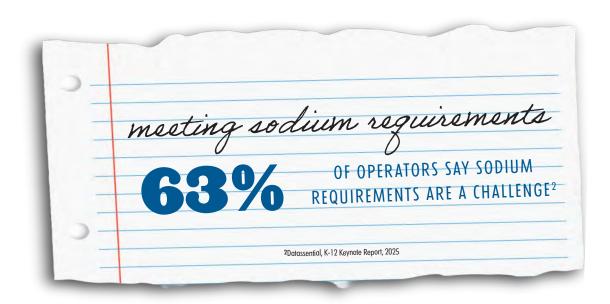
Cal. 175 Fat 5.5g Sat. Fat 1.8g Sod. 600mg Carb. 21.5g Prot. 9g

Components: 1 oz eq M/MA, ¼ cup Red/Orange Veg, ½ cup Starchy Veg



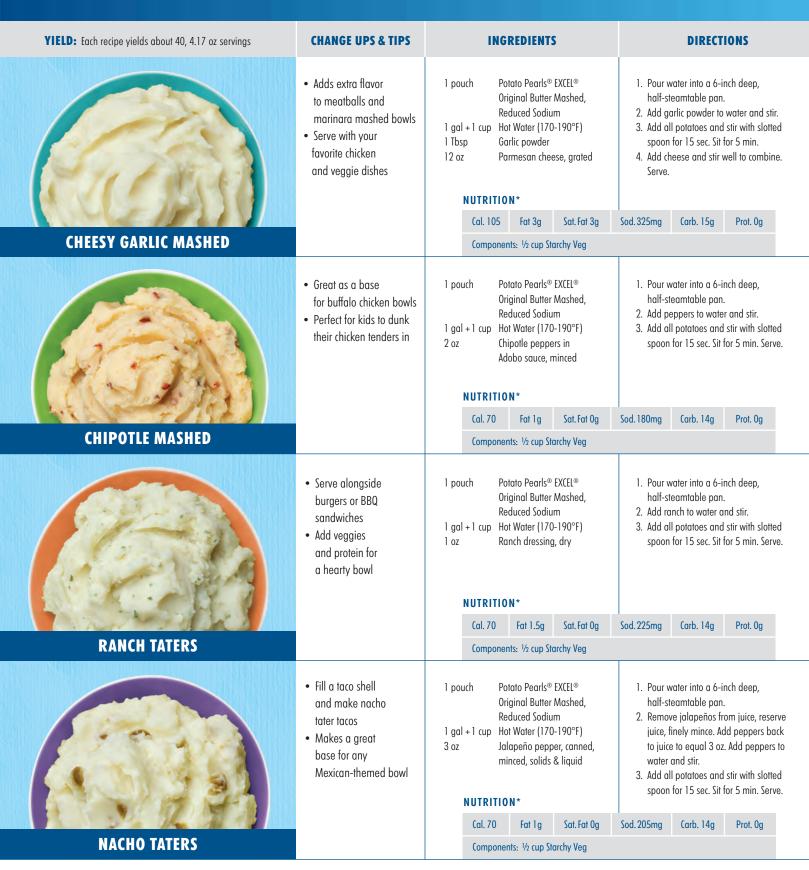
Potato Pearls® EXCEL® Original Butter Mashed – Reduced Sodium

The most loved, buttery flavor, just with less sodium. [SKU 10799]



EASY ADD-INS FOR mashed potatoes

Giving your students more of their favorite mashed potatoes just got easier with these simple and delicious one- to two-ingredient add-in recipes.



POTATO CASSEROLES





make it your own

- Swap in black beans or refried beans for a vegetarian version.
- Serve with a side of guacamole or a drizzle of creamy Southwest dressing.

CHEESY TACO POTATOES

Yield: About 31, 1 each servings

INGREDIENTS

1 carton Basic American Foods Au Gratin Potato Casserole

2 lb + 97% oz Beef, 85/15, ground
1/2 cup + 1 Tbsp Taco Seasoning
2 1/4 cup Water, boiling (212°F)

1 gal + 1 gt Water

15 3/3 oz Cheddar Cheese, reduced fat, shredded

1 lb + 7 oz Lettuce, iceberg, shredded $3 \frac{3}{4}$ cup + $2 \frac{1}{2}$ Tbsp Salsa, low sodium

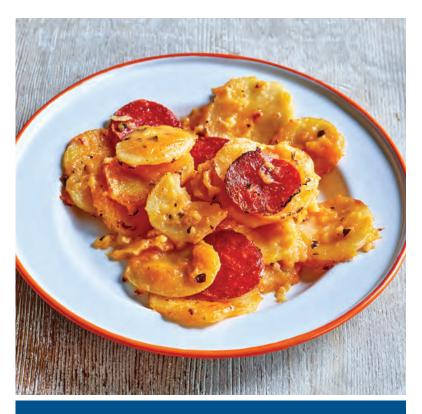
DIRECTIONS

- Brown ground beef. Season with taco seasoning and add water according to package directions. Heat to 165°F.
- Add boiling water to a 4" deep full-steamtable pan. Stir in sauce mix. Stir until cheese sauce is dissolved.
- Add potato slices and 1 oz equivalent seasoned beef. Stir. Evenly top with shredded cheese.
- 4. Bake in a convection oven at 300°F for 45-60 minutes. For conventional oven, bake at 400°F for 45-60 minutes. Top with lettuce right before serving to prevent it from wilting. Serve 1 cup/7.8 oz (8 oz ladle). Top with 2 Tbsp (1 fl oz ladle) salsa.

NUTRITION*

Cal. 265	Fat 10g	Sat. Fat 4g	Sod. 580mg	Carb. 29g	Prot. 12.7g
Componer	nts: 1.5 oz ec 1/8 Other		Red/Orange Veg,	½ cup Starchy	Veg,





 Use mozzarella or a pizza cheese blend and finish with a sprinkle of oregano or garlic powder for extra pizzeria flair.

PEPPERONI POTATO PIZZA BAKE

Yield: About 31, 6.63 oz servings

INGREDIENTS

1 carton Basic American Foods Au Gratin Potato Casserole

1 gal + 1 qt Water, boiling (212°F)
1/3 cup + 5 tsp Onions, dehydrated
1 Tbsp Italian Seasoning

1 lb + 15 1/3 oz Cheddar Cheese, reduced fat, shredded

10 1/3 oz Pepperoni Slices, 1/4 oz each

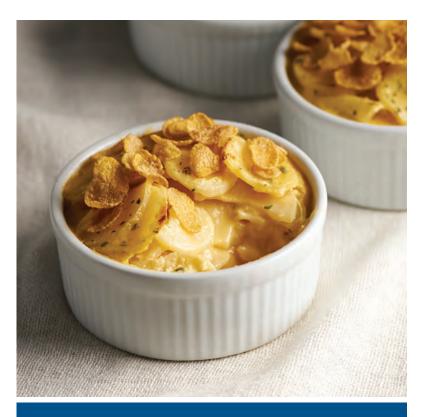
DIRECTIONS

- Add 5 quarts boiling water (212°F) for convection oven (4 ½ quarts for conventional) to a 4" deep full-steamtable pan. Whisk in sauce mix, onions, and Italian Seasoning. Stir until cheese sauce is dissolved.
- Add potato slices. Stir. Evenly top with shredded cheese. Top with 10 1/3 oz (enough to equal 1/4 oz equivalent M/MA each serving) pepperoni slices.
- 3. Bake in a convection oven at 300°F for 45-60 minutes. For conventional oven, bake at 400°F for 45-60 minutes. Serve ¾ cup/6.63 oz (heaping 6 oz ladle).

NUTRITION*

 Cal. 230
 Fat 7.7g
 Sat. Fat 4.5g
 Sod. 540mg
 Carb. 27g
 Prot. 10.7g

 Components: 1.25 oz eq M/MA, ½ cup Starchy Veg



make it your own

• Mix in diced bell peppers or spinach for added color, texture, and veggie variety.

HEALTHY START BREAKFAST BAKE

Yield: About 28, 1 cup servings

INGREDIENTS

1 carton Basic American Foods Au Gratin Potato Casserole

1 gal + 1 qt Water, boiling (212°F)
14 oz Cheese, cheddar, reduced fat
1 tsp Black Pepper, ground
3 cups Liquid Eggs, whisked
5 1/4 cups Cornflakes cereal

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Add water to 2 1/2" deep full-steamtable pan. Stir in sauce pack until dissolved.
- 2. Add potatoes, cheese and pepper. Add egg last and gently stir.
- Bake in 325°F convection oven for 45-60 min (425°F conventional).
 Evenly top with cornflakes after baking.

NUTRITION*

Cal. 234 Fat 6.5g Sat. Fat 2.6g Sod. 482mg Carb. 32g Prot. 9.7g

Components: 1 oz eq M/MA, .5 oz eq Grain, 3/4 cup Starchy Veg

BEANS





ENCHILADA BAKE

Yield: 12, 1 each servings

INGREDIENTS

1/2 cup

24 oz

53 oz

24

1 pouch Santiago® Smart Servings™ Vegetarian Refried Beans, prepared,

12 cups separated Mexican Rice, prepared Tortillas, whole grain (6") Cheese, shredded Enchilada Sauce

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
- 2. Prepare beans and rice separately according to directions.
- 3. In a large bowl, mix the beans and rice.
- Place a tortilla on a flat surface and spoon the bean and rice mixture onto the tortilla. Roll it up and place it in a baking dish. Repeat with the remaining tortillas and filling.
- Pour the enchilada sauce over the assembled enchiladas, making sure they are fully covered.
- 6. Sprinkle the cheese over the top of the enchiladas.
- Cover the baking dish with foil and bake in the oven for 25-30 minutes, or until the cheese is melted and bubbly.
- 8. Serve hot.

NUTRITION*

Cal. 436 Fat 10g Sat. Fat 4g Sod. 856mg Carb. 63g Prot. 23g

Components: 3 oz eq M/MA, 2 oz eq Grain, 1/4 cup Red/Orange Veg

make it your own

- Drizzle sour cream over top.
- Add a veggie boost with sauteed zucchini, spinach, or corn mixed into the filling.





• Spice it up with a drizzle of chipotle ranch or a sprinkle of taco seasoning.

CHEESY BEAN BOWL

Yield: 16, 1 bowl servings

INGREDIENTS

4 cups Santiago® Smart Servings™ Vegetarian Refried Beans, prepared,

4 cups separated

16 cups Brown Rice, prepared
1 lb Chicken Strips or Turkey, grilled
8 oz Cheddar Cheese, shredded
8 oz Red Peppers, diced

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Prepare beans, rice and chicken according to directions.
- 2. To serve, in a bowl, layer 1 cup rice, ¼ cup beans, 1 oz chicken or turkey strips, ½ oz cheddar cheese, and ½ cup red peppers.
- 3. Microwave or bake until cheese is melted.

NUTRITION*

Cal. 411 Fat 8g Sat. Fat 3g Sod. 328mg Carb. 64g Prot. 19g
Components: 2.5 oz eq M/MA, 2 oz eq Grain, ½ cup Red/Orange Veg



make it your own

• Add a flavor kick with jalapenos, diced red peppers, or a dash of hot sauce.

HUEVOS RANCHEROS QUESADILLA

Yield: About 34, 1 each servings

INGREDIENTS

1 pouch Santiago® Smart Servings™ Vegetarian Refried Beans, Low Sodium

15 % oz Eggs, liquid, whole, frozen 34 each Tortillas, whole grain (8") 2 qt Water, boiling

2 1/8 cup Tomatoes, canned, diced, no salt added

1/2 cup + 1 Tbsp Green Chilies
1 Tbsp Garlic Powder

1 lb + 1 1/8 oz Mozzarella Cheese, shredded

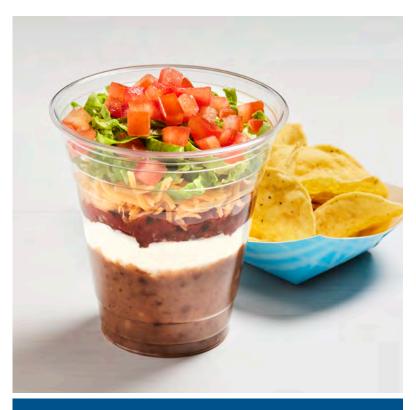
1 (1 second) spray Cooking Spray 2 1/8 cup Salsa, low sodium

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Thaw eggs in refrigerator 1-2 days before preparation. Place tortillas in the warmer for about 45 minutes.
- Pour water into 4" deep half-steamtable pan. Quickly pour beans, tomatoes, green chilies, and garlic powder into water. Stir ingredients together and cover. Allow beans to sit for 25 minutes in the warmer.
- 3. Scramble eggs.
- 4. Preheat oven to 350°F. Fold each tortilla in half. In the center spread % cup (3 oz ladle) bean mixture evenly in the center, top with ½ oz scrambled egg and ½ oz cheese. Fold in the center. Lightly spray quesadillas with cooking spray and bake for 7-8 minutes or until tortilla is lightly toasted.
- 5. Cut each quesadilla into three triangles. Serve with 1 Tbsp salsa.

NUTRITION*

Cal. 270	Fat 7.2g	Sat. Fat 3.5g	Sod. 445mg	Carb. 39g	Prot. 13g	
Components: 2 oz eg M/MA 1 5 oz eg Grain 1/8 cup Red/Orange Veg						



• Serve with whole grain tortilla strips or baked pita chips for an interactive, scoopable snack.

make it your own

 Offer a 'Nacho Bar' option so students can customize toppings like diced chicken, black beans, jalapenos, or shredded lettuce.

TACO BEAN DIP CUPS

Yield: About 17, 1 each servings

INGREDIENTS

1 pouch Santiago® Smart Servings™ Vegetarian Refried Beans, Low Sodium

1 at + 2 cup Water, boiling

2 cup Enchilada Sauce, red, canned 1 lb + 14% oz Mexican-style White Cheese Sauce

2 cup Tomatoes, fresh, diced

DIRECTIONS

- Pour water into 4" deep half-steamtable pan. Quickly pour full pouch of beans and enchilada sauce into water. Stir ingredients together and cover. Allow bean mixture to sit for 25 minutes on steamtable. Cool bean mixture in the refrigerator. CCP: Cool to 41°F or lower within 4 hours. CCP: Cool to 70°F within 2 hours and from 70°F to 41°F or lower within an additional 4 hours.
- In 16 oz clear plastic cups place % cup/5.4 oz (#6 disher) bean mixture at the bottom, top with 1 oz of White Cheese Sauce. Top with 2 Tbsp (#30 disher) chopped tomatoes.

NUTRITION*

 Cal. 290
 Fat 9g
 Sat. Fat 4.7g
 Sod. 655mg
 Carb. 34g
 Prot. 18g

Components: 1 oz eq M/MA, 1/2 cup Legumes, 1/8 cup Red/Orange Veg

MACHO NACHOS

Yield: About 34, 1 each servings

INGREDIENTS

1 pouch Santiago® Smart Servings™ Vegetarian Refried Beans, Low Sodium

1 qt + 2 cup Water, boiling

2 ½ cup Enchilada Sauce, green, canned
2 lb + 2 oz Mexican-blend Cheese, shredded
2 lb + 2 oz Tortilla Chips, whole grain
12 ½ oz Lettuce, iceberg, shredded
15 ¾ oz Tomatoes, fresh, diced
1 cup + 1 Tbsp Sour Cream, light

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 2. Pour water into 4" deep half-steamtable pan. Quickly pour beans and enchilada sauce into water. Stir ingredients together. Allow beans to sit for 25 minutes in the warmer. Remove from the warmer and stir well. Top with cheese and bake uncovered for 10-12 minutes or until cheese is golden brown.
- 3. Assemble servings in a serving boat or tray: Place 1 oz tortilla chips in the dish, top with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup/4 oz (#8 disher) beans and cheese. Top with $\frac{1}{4}$ cup (2 oz ladle) lettuce, 2 Tbsp (#30 disher) tomatoes, and 1 Tbsp sour cream. Serve.

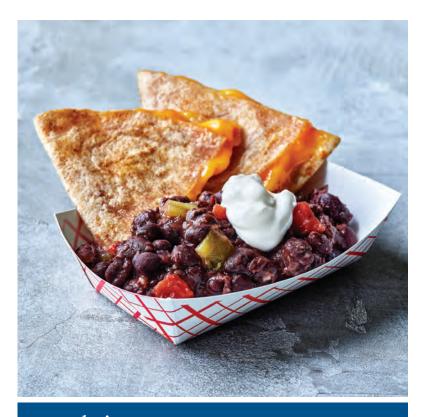
NUTRITION*

Cal. 320 Fat 12.3g Sat. Fat 5.8g Sod. 360mg Carb. 39g Prot. 14.3g

Components: 2 oz eq M/MA, 1 oz eq Grain, % cup Red/Orange Veg, % cup Other Veg



- Remove the taco bowl and pair with whole grain tortilla chips.
- Add a scoop of seasoned rice or quinoa underneath for extra texture.



make it your own

 Turn into a grab-and-go 'dip cup' by portioning the bean mixture and chips into clear deli containers.

HAPPY TACO BOWL

Yield: About 13, 1 bowl servings

INGREDIENTS

1 pouch Santiago® Refried Pinto Beans

2 qt Water, boiling

½ cup + 1 Tbsp Taco Seasoning, low sodium
1 lb + 5 ⅓ oz Romaine Lettuce, fresh, chopped
13 oz Tostada Bowls, whole grain

3 ½ oz Cheddar Cheese, reduced fat, shredded

12 % oz Tomatoes, fresh, diced

2 ¾ oz Olives, black, sliced, canned, drained

1 3/4 cup Sour Cream, light

DIRECTIONS

- Pour water into 4" deep half-steamtable pan. Whisk taco seasoning into water until fully incorporated.
- Quickly pour beans into seasoned water. Stir ingredients together. Allow beans to sit for 40 minutes in the warmer. Remove from the warmer and stir well.
- 3. Place ¾ cup/6.6 oz (heaping 6 oz ladle) seasoned beans into tostada bowl. Spread ¾ cup (6 fl oz ladle) lettuce evenly over beans.
- 4. With the remaining ingredients make a smiley face. Sprinkle ¼ oz cheese on the top for spiky hair. Squeeze 2 Tbsp sour cream for eyes, place 2 tsp (#100 disher) olives for the nose and 1 Tbsp (~ #60 disher) tomatoes for mouth. Serve.

NUTRITION*

Cal. 380 Fat 8.8g Sat. Fat 3.7g Sod. 1060mg Carb. 57g Prot. 17g

Components: 2.25 oz eq M/MA, 1 oz eq Grain, ¾ cup Dark Green Veg, ⅓ cup Red/Orange Veg

WALKING QUESADILLA BEAN DIP

Yield: About 13, 1 each servings

INGREDIENTS

1 pouch Santiago® Seasoned Vegetarian Black Beans

3 ½ oz Green Chilies with juice, canned

1 1/4 oz Tomatoes, canned with juice, diced, no salt added

2 qt Water, boiling
2 Tbsp Cumin, ground
2 Tbsp Garlic, powder
13 each Tortillas, whole grain

13 oz Cheddar Cheese, reduced fat, shredded

1 (1 second) spray Cooking Spray 3/4 cup + 11/2 Tbsp Sour Cream, light

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
- 2. Heat tomatoes with juice and green chilies with juice in a stock pot or tilt skillet.
- 3. Pour water into 4" deep half-steamtable pan. Whisk cumin and garlic powder into water until fully incorporated.
- Quickly pour beans and 1 ½ cup of heated green chilies-tomatoes mixture into seasoned water. Stir ingredients together. Allow beans to sit for 40 minutes in the warmer. Remove from the warmer and stir well.
- Fold each tortilla on a sheet pan lined with parchment paper. Spread 1 oz of cheese in the center of each tortilla. Lightly spray with pan spray and bake for 7-8 minutes or until cheese is melted. Using a pizza cutter, cut each quesadilla into three triangles.
- Place ¾4 cup/7.1 oz (heaping 6 oz ladle) bean mixture in a boat or cup. Line the sides of the dish with three quesadilla triangles. Top bean mixture with 1 Tbsp sour cream. Serve.

NUTRITION*

 Cal. 450
 Fat 12g
 Sat. Fat 6.8g
 Sod. 960mg
 Carb. 62g
 Prot. 23g

 Components: 3 oz eq M/MA, 1.5 oz eq Grain

BOWL BUILDS mix and match

Basic American Foods mashed potatoes and beans make the perfect bowl base for delivering all sorts of flavorful foods kids crave. These kid-friendly builds will be a hit with your students and help you use your commodity protein pounds. Go ahead – **bowl 'em over.**



SUPER TURKEY MASHED BOWL



Potato Pearls® EXCEL®
Original Butter Mashed - R/S
(SKU 10799)
1/2 cup



Turkey Pot Roast **4oz spoodle**



Corn



Shredded Cheddar Cheese

ASIAN FUSION MASHED BOWL



Potato Pearls® EXCEL® Original Butter Mashed - R/S (SKU 10799)

½ cup



Sliced Beef #10 scoop



Broccoli



Teriyaki BBQ Sauce

R/S = reduced sodium. L/S = low or lower sodium.

CHICKEN CANTINA BEAN BOWL



Santiago® Smart Servings™ Vegetarian Refried Beans - L/S (SKU 10302)

1/2 cup



Fajita Chicken **4oz spoodle**



Whole Grain Chips



Salsa Verde



Diced Tomatoes

WALKING TACO BEAN BOWL



Santiago® Smart Servings™ Vegetarian Refried Beans - L/S (SKU 10302)

1/2 cup



Taco Meat (Beef or Turkey) #8 scoop



Whole Grain Chips



Salsa



Shredded Cheddar Cheese

BURRITO BEAN BOWL



Santiago® Smart Servings™ Vegetarian Refried Beans - L/S (SKU 10302)

1/2 cup



Taco Meat (Beef or Turkey) #8 scoop



Rice (White or Brown)



Salsa



Shredded Cheddar Cheese



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We hope you enjoyed exploring these K–12 recipes, each one thoughtfully crafted to deliver reliable, kid-friendly meals that work for your kitchens and delight your students. At Basic American Foods, we're passionate about helping you serve foods that are easy to prep, consistent to execute, and loved by kids.









WANT TO TRY A SAMPLE?

Scan the QR code to try our delicious foods and start exploring how they can bring variety and reliability to your school menus!