

# Nutrition Labeling

**Food Models** can be used to teach nutrition labeling. The back of each model contains its own nutrient information – similar to that found on food labels.

Be aware that the nutrient values on food labels are rounded. Those on **Food Models** are not. So the values won't always match exactly.

Some **Food Models** provide Daily Values for 2 or 3 similar foods. The absolute values and % Daily Values are provided for each food for easy comparison.

A food group symbol is included for quick reference. The symbol can also be used by leaders and students as a check for understanding. (Foods in the "Others" category do not have a symbol.)



<b>1% Lowfat Chocolate Milk</b>	
Serving Size 1 cup (250g)	
<b>Amount Per Serving</b>	
<b>Calories</b> 158	Calories from Fat 27
% Daily Value*	
<b>Total Fat</b> 3g	<b>5%</b>
Saturated Fat 2g	<b>10%</b>
<b>Cholesterol</b> 8mg	<b>3%</b>
<b>Sodium</b> 152mg	<b>6%</b>
<b>Total Carbohydrate</b> 26g	<b>9%</b>
Dietary Fiber 1g	<b>4%</b>
Sugars 25g	
<b>Protein</b> 8g	<b>16%</b>
Vitamin A	10%
Vitamin C	4%
Calcium	29%
Thiamin	6%
Riboflavin	24%
Iron	3%
Niacin	2%
Not a significant source iron and niacin. Values are not available for fiber and sugars.	
*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet	

The % Daily value for protein is optional on food labels.

B-vitamins are optional on food labels.

The abbreviated label footnote is used on **Food Models** to save space. The complete footnote is provided below.

Nutrients that supply 10% or more of the Daily Value are highlighted – so good sources of nutrients will be easier to spot.

If the food is not a significant source of a nutrient, it is listed here. (Often, they provide 2% or less of the Daily Value.)

A dash (–) indicates that a nutrient value is unavailable.

\*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values maybe higher or lower depending on your calorie needs:

	Calories:	2,000	2,500
Total Fat	Less than	65g	80g
Sat. Fat	Less than	20g	25g
Cholesterol	Less than	300mg	300mg
Sodium	Less than	2,400mg	2,400mg
Total Carbohydrate		300mg	300mg
Dietary Fiber		300g	375g
		25g	25g

Calories per gram:  
Fat 9 • Carbohydrate 4 • Protein 4