

NUTRITION GUIDE

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CLINICAL SERVICES FOR PEDIATRIC WELLNESS: NUTRITION



NUTRITION AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Eating a healthy breakfast is associated with:

- Improved memory
- Improved attention
- Improved decision making
- Improved mood
- Reduced absences from class
- Improved metabolism

HYDRATION

Getting enough water may also improve brain health in children and adolescents. This is important for learning.

Water helps the body:

- Keep a normal temperature
- Lubricate and cushion joints
- Protect the spinal cord and other sensitive tissues
- Get rid of wastes properly

BENEFITS OF HEALTHY EATING

- Helps achieve and maintain a healthy weight
- Keeps skin, teeth and eyes healthy
- Supports brain development
- Supports muscles
- Supports healthy growth
- Boosts immunity
- Strengthens bones
- Helps the digestive system

DIETARY GUIDELINES FOR AMERICANS, 2020–2025

Recommendations

- Make half your plate fruits and vegetables
- Focus on whole fruits
- Vary your vegetables
- Make half your grains whole grains

- Move to fat-free and low-fat dairy products
- Vary your **protein** routine
- Choose food and drinks with less added sugars, saturated fat and sodium

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- **FIVE** or more fruits and vegetables per day
- No more than TWO hours of screen time
- ONE hour of physical activity or more per day
- ZERO sugary drinks

NUTRITIONAL STATISTICS

Fewer than 1 in 10 children and adults eat the recommended daily amount of vegetables.

Empty calories from added sugars and solid fats contribute to 40% of daily calories for children and adolescents aged 2-18 years affecting the overall quality of their diets.

Only 2 in 5 children eat enough fruit.

CHICKASAW NATION NUTRITION SERVICES

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