

Physical Activity Recommendations for Kids

Active kids have a better chance of a healthy adulthood. How much activity do they need?



Be Active

Kids should be active throughout the day. Replace sedentary behavior with activity whenever possible.



Learn & Grow

Kids who are active have better bone health, physical fitness, brain function, attention and academic performance. They stay at a healthier weight and have fewer symptoms of depression.



Go Play

Encourage preschool-age children (ages 3-5) to engage in active play as well as structured movement. A good goal is about 3 hours per day of a variety of activities (light, moderate and vigorous).



Fit in 60+

School-age kids and teens (ages 6-17) should try to get at least 60 minutes per day of moderate- to vigorous-intensity activity. It can be broken up into shorter sessions throughout the day.

