Help your kids eat healthy at home.



When you go food shopping, read the label. **Choose healthy foods.**

- » Choose 100% whole grain breads. The first ingredient on the label should start with "whole," like "whole wheat flour."
- » Choose cereals that are low in sugar and made from whole grains. Read the label and look for rolled oats, whole wheat, brown rice, rye, barley, triticale or buckwheat. A cereal could be made from one or all of these grains. Oatmeal is a good choice.
- » Choose chicken and fish instead of beef.

For healthy snacking, keep these foods in the refrigerator:

- » A bowl of fruit. Try slices of apple, fresh berries, orange slices, or cut up pineapple or mango. Keep the bowl covered with plastic wrap to keep the fruit fresh.
- » A bowl of fresh vegetables. Try cucumber sticks, carrots sticks, celery sticks, broccoli, slices of red pepper and green pepper, or slices of zucchini.
- » Slices or chunks of low-fat cheese.

Do these simple things to make each meal healthier:

- » Add 1 to 2 slices of low fat cheese to a sandwich.
- » Serve low-fat milk or soy milk with meals.
- » Make meals that have more vegetables and beans and less meat.
- » Broil, bake, grill or steam your food.

Other easy tips for healthy eating:

- » Give kids water to drink during snack time and when they're thirsty. Serve milk with meals.
- » Serve a healthy breakfast, such as whole grain cereal or toast, along with fruit and milk.
- » Turn off the TV during meals and enjoy your meals together.
- » Remember that kids will do what you do. If you make healthy choices, they will too!
- » Go to www.mass.gov/MassInMotion to find more tips on healthy eating.







