

## Dear Educator,

Give your students a break—a movement break, that is! Studies show that 60 minutes of physical activity each day can help improve weight status, improve cognition skills, and reduce risk of depression.\*

*Fuel Up to Play 60* can help with that. This free program from the National Dairy Council and the NFL, in collaboration with the USDA, provides schools with a game plan to promote balanced nutrition, beginning with a healthy breakfast, and gets students moving for 60 minutes each day.

The American Dairy Association North East (ADANE) has teamed with the curriculum experts at Young Minds Inspired to help you make *Fuel Up to Play 60* the foundation of your school's wellness program throughout the coming semester. Every two weeks, you will find a new lesson plan for grades 5-8 at [ymiclassroom.com/futp60](http://ymiclassroom.com/futp60) with activities that promote balanced nutrition and daily physical activity.

This week's lesson plan focuses on the importance of daily physical activity and the benefits it provides the mind and body. Students will track and analyze their physical activity and brainstorm ways they can make movement even more fun. The activities can be completed by students at home or in the classroom, and include ideas for engaging students' families in your school wellness program as well.

We hope you will share these materials with your principal, health teachers, family and consumer science teachers, athletic directors, coaches, parent coordinators, and anyone else who works with middle school students in your community. Please let us know your opinion of this year's *Fuel Up to Play 60* program by visiting [ymiclassroom.com/feedback-futp60](http://ymiclassroom.com/feedback-futp60). We look forward to your comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

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## About *Fuel Up to Play 60*

*Fuel Up to Play 60* is a free K-12 health and wellness program designed to help schools meet their wellness goals by encouraging youth to eat nutrient-rich meals and participate in at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day.

*Fuel Up to Play 60* offers educators many free resources, including a Playbook packed with creative ideas for implementing school wellness plans, annual funding opportunities, personalized educator and student dashboards, and innovative ways to earn incentives and rewards. Individual students also have the chance to become leaders in their schools and communities by becoming *Fuel Up to Play 60* Ambassadors. Any registered school that meets its wellness goals qualifies to become a "Touchdown School" and receives a fun *Fuel Up to Play 60* prize pack for their students. Learn more and sign up at [www.fueluptoplay60.com](http://www.fueluptoplay60.com).

## Target Audience

Grades 5-8

## Program Components

Available at [ymiclassroom.com/futp60](http://ymiclassroom.com/futp60):

- This one-page teacher's guide with a reproducible activity sheet
- Additional resources, including a reproducible letter to encourage your colleagues to become *Fuel Up to Play 60* advisors and an activity on eating a healthy breakfast

## Objectives

- Encourage students to make healthy food choices and get 60 minutes of physical activity every day
- Support health, decision-making, and language arts skills

## How to Use This Activity

### A Page from the Playbook: Physical Activity

To support your wellness initiative, get your students up and moving! In this activity, students learn about the importance of physical activity for the brain and body.

To start, ask students how they feel after they play sports or do physical activity. Energized? More alert? How do they think physical movement benefits the body and mind?

Next, have students read the introduction to Part 1 on the activity sheet and explain how they will evaluate their own level of physical activity on the tracking chart. Then have them complete the word find puzzle to discover fun activities they can do on their own or with friends and family. At the end of the week, have the students compare their tracking chart results to create a pie-chart representing physical activity engagement for their class. As



they compare, discuss the physical activities they enjoy and brainstorm ideas for making time to include 60 minutes of physical activity in their schedules every day. For inspiration, students can explore the *Fuel Up to Play 60* Physical Activity Plays at [www.fueluptoplay60.com/playbooks/fuel-up-to-play-60-playbook](http://www.fueluptoplay60.com/playbooks/fuel-up-to-play-60-playbook).

## Fuel Up to Play 60 Connection

Have students visit the "In-Class Physical Activity Breaks — Good For Mind and Body" at [www.fueluptoplay60.com/playbooks/fuel-up-to-play-60-playbook/in-class-physical-activity-breaks---good-for-mind-and-body](http://www.fueluptoplay60.com/playbooks/fuel-up-to-play-60-playbook/in-class-physical-activity-breaks---good-for-mind-and-body) to read about how they can build movement breaks into their day, whether in the classroom or at home. Discuss how you can implement this play as part of your school's wellness plan.

## Check Your Touchdown School Progress

There's still time to become a "Touchdown School" by following these simple steps:

- 1. Get Started** — Build a *Fuel Up to Play 60* team of students and educators and complete a School Wellness Investigation. Target deadline: 9/30/20
- 2. Eat Healthy** — Implement a Breakfast After the Bell play. Target deadline: 10/31/20
- 3. Get Moving** — Develop a plan to get students and teachers up and moving each day for at least 60 minutes. Target deadline: 11/30/20

Complete these steps by 11/30/20 for a chance to receive a *Fuel Up to Play 60* student prize pack. Contact [futp60@milky4u.org](mailto:futp60@milky4u.org) to learn more.



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# A Page from the Playbook Physical Activity



**Part 1:** Get moving and get in the game! Regular physical activity is important for a strong body and mind. In fact, the CDC recommends at least 60 minutes of physical activity per day for optimum health. Studies show that engaging in at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day can help improve weight status, improve cognition skills, and reduce risk of depression.\*

How often do you engage in physical activity? Would you say that you spend at least 60 minutes a day moving, grooving, or exercising? If not, now's your chance to step it up. Use the tracking chart below to evaluate your level of physical activity for one week. Every day, fill in the physical activities and the time you devote to each one. Then bring this activity sheet with the completed chart back to class.

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>My physical activity</b>							
<b>How long I was active</b>	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN
	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN
	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN
	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN

**Part 2:** Choose your play! Looking for ideas? Discover physical activities you can do alone or as part of a group in this word find puzzle.

L	L	A	B	T	E	K	S	A	B	R	G	Q	R	G
N	S	D	Q	M	S	R	C	V	A	N	N	R	K	N
W	O	V	A	I	U	M	V	C	S	B	I	Y	L	I
I	V	T	N	N	E	D	Q	J	K	R	B	C	L	K
P	S	N	N	Z	C	U	A	J	A	Y	M	Q	F	I
Z	E	I	R	I	E	I	O	L	T	X	I	G	R	B
T	N	L	R	T	M	O	N	G	E	W	L	X	I	Z
G	J	C	B	E	J	D	N	G	B	J	C	K	S	Q
X	Q	A	I	E	C	I	A	R	O	J	C	I	B	C
O	L	N	F	H	M	C	R	B	A	C	X	H	E	Y
L	Y	O	V	M	Y	D	O	P	R	B	L	E	E	C
A	G	N	I	F	L	O	G	S	D	N	S	P	L	T
R	X	W	A	L	K	I	N	G	I	C	Z	L	M	C
A	S	H	I	K	I	N	G	J	N	T	N	U	Q	T
F	N	D	J	E	N	W	G	R	G	W	I	J	C	P

**WORD BANK**

- BADMINTON
- BASKETBALL
- BIKING
- CLIMBING
- DANCING
- FRISBEE
- GOLFING
- HIKING
- RACQUETBALL
- RUNNING
- SKATEBOARDING
- SOCCER
- SWIMMING
- TENNIS
- WALKING

Fuel greatness!  
Check out the free **Fuel Up to Play 60 Student Zone** app. Stay "in the know" and "on the move" as you use the app to explore the latest **Fuel Up to Play 60** news, activities, challenges, and other content created especially for you! Available in the Apple Store and on Google Play.



\* www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/health\_and\_academics/pdf/health-academic-achievement.pdf and www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/physicalactivity/facts.htm