## How to Make a Great Healthy Plate

One easy way to learn how much and what to eat is to think of what you're eating for breakfast, lunch or dinner and picture it on a plate.


- One-half of the plate should be filled with vegetables and fruit, because they are full of vitamins and minerals.
- One-fourth of the plate should be filled with protein like baked chicken, lowfat grilled beef or an egg.
- One-fourth should be filled with a starch like yams, sweet potatoes or a serving of whole wheat bread.


## Guide to great plates for kids and teens



|  | At least |  | Just right | Not more than |  |
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|  | Vegetables | Fruits | Milk | Meat and beans | Grains |
| Children 2 to 3 years old ( 1,200 calories per day) | $1^{1 ⁄ 2}$ cups | 1 cup | 2 cups | 3 ounces | 4 ounces |
| Children 4 to 8 years old ( 1,600 calories per day) | 2 cups | $1^{1 ⁄ 2}$ cups | 2-3 cups | 5 ounces | 5 ounces |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Teen girls } \\ & (2,000 \text { calories per day }) \end{aligned}$ | 21/2 cups | 2 cups | 3 cups | $51 / 2$ ounces | 6 ounces |
| Teen boys <br> (2,600 calories per day) | 312 cups | 2 cups | 3 cups | $61 / 2$ ounces | 9 ounces |

## What does your great healthy plate look like?

Draw your favorite foods in each section of the plate.

Fruits
Grains
Dairy


Vegetables
Protein

