CHILDREN'S DIETS

a prescription for ill health



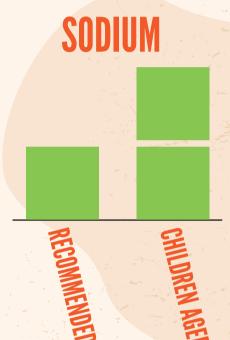


More than ¹/₃ of American children and adolescents ages 6 to 19 are overweight or obese.

eats the recommended servings of fruits or vegetables each day

More than 80 percent of adolescents aged 12 to 18 do not eat the recommended five or more servings of fruits or vegetables each day.

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Children aged 8 to 18 consume nearly 3,400 milligrams of sodium per day; twice the recommended amount. High sodium intake is associated with the risk of high blood pressure in children and adolescents. High-sodium diets may raise blood pressure even in infants.



per day



Artificial food dyes increase hyperactivity in children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and other problem behaviors.

Elementary students receive an average of just

per day

3.4 hours

of food and nutrition education each year

3.4 hours school year

For children and adults who consume more than a quarter of their calories from added sugars, about 60 percent of the added sugars comes from regular soft drinks and fruit ades.

