

Bright Futures Patient Handout

7 and 8 Year Visits

SCHOOL

Doing Well at School

- Try your best at school. Doing well in school is important to how you feel about yourself.
- Ask for help when you need it.
- Join clubs and teams you like.
- Tell kids who pick on you or try to hurt you to stop it. Then walk away.
- Tell adults you trust about bullies.

SAFETY

Playing It Safe

- Don't open the door to anyone you don't know.
- Have friends over only when your parents say it's OK.
- Wear your helmet for biking, skating, and skateboarding.
- Ask a grown-up for help if you are scared or worried.
- It is OK to ask to go home and be with your Mom or Dad.
- Keep your private parts, the parts of your body covered by a bathing suit, covered.
- Tell your parent or another grown-up right away if an older child or grown-up shows you their private parts, asks you to show them yours, or touches your private parts.
- Always sit in your booster seat and ride in the back seat of the car.

NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Eating Well, Being Active

- Eat breakfast every day.
- Aim for eating 5 fruits and vegetables every day.
- Only drink 1 cup of 100% fruit juice a day.
- Limit high-fat foods and drinks such as candies, snacks, fast food, and soft drinks.
- Eat healthful snacks like fruit, cheese, and yogurt.
- Eating healthy is important to help you do well in school and sports.
- Eat with your family often.
- Drink at least 2 cups of milk daily.
- Match every 30 minutes of TV or computer time with 30 minutes of active play.

ORAL HEALTH

Healthy Teeth

- Brush your teeth at least twice each day, morning and night.
- Floss your teeth every day.
- Wear your mouth guard when playing sports.

DEVELOPMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH

Handling Feelings

- Talk about feeling mad or sad with someone who listens well.
- Talk about your worries. It helps.
- Ask your parent or other trusted adult about changes in your body.
- Even embarrassing questions are important. It's OK to talk about your body and how it's changing.

