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Welcome to the 2025-26 edition of the kids teaching kids recipe book!

This collection of healthy snacks was created by high school culinary students from across Texas.

Each snack recipe features:

- 1 serving of fruits or veggies
- Safe and easy preparation instructions for elementary school students
- How-to videos
- Adherence to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans

This year's recipe book is loaded with fun and educational resources, including:

- Interactive elements click the recipe names for videos of student chefs demonstrating how to prepare the snacks
- Wellness videos from education and training and audio/ visual students on character building
- Activity videos from physical education (PE) teachers demonstrating activities that you can do at school and at home

These new additions were thoughtfully designed through a collaboration between high school career and technical education (CTE) students and PE teachers.

The *kids teaching kids*° program is based on the whole-child model, which includes 10 components addressing nutritional, physical, social, emotional and mental health. Families who participate in the **21-Day Snacking Challenge** with their kids can learn to develop lifelong healthy eating habits, encourage mindful practices and explore fitness activities that are best suited to each family member.

Parents

To ensure your children's safety, please supervise them while they are preparing these recipes and handling kitchen tools and equipment.

Kids

Always ask an adult for permission before preparing these recipes.

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Be a superhero and invest in a healthier North Texas for all! Your donation to United Way of Metropolitan Dallas supports programs like kids teaching kids, which ensures local families have the knowledge and resources to improve their eating habits.

Join us in supporting kids teaching kids®, and together we can positively impact students today and throughout their lifetime!

- Introduce local students to healthier meal and snack choices
- → Support children's overall health and development
- Create a foundation for a lifetime of better nutrition
- → Enable kids to thrive in every area of life, including education, income and health

400,000+

students signed up since 2014 30+

school districts
participating across
North Texas

68%

of participants tried new fruits or vegetables









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Peachy Peach Nachos

Dallas ISD - Emmett J Conrad Micaela Rodriguez, Andrea Atonal, Roxana Millian (The Peach Girls)

Ingredients

Peach Slices (Packed in 100%

Fruit Juice), Drained

Greek Yogurt, Non-Fat, Zero Sugar,

Vanilla

½ Tbsp Chocolate Chips, Sugar-Free

1/2 Tbsp Dried Cranberries, 50% Less Sugar

½ Tbsp Sliced Almonds

Granola, Oats & Honey Flavor

Utensils/Equipment

Can Opener (Use With **Adult Permission**)

Colander

Measuring Cup

Serving Plate

Resealable Plastic Bag

Safety Scissors (Use With **Adult Permission**)

Spoon

Measuring Spoons



No. of Servings	1
Calories	180
Fat (g)	4.5
Saturated Fat (g)	1.5
Fiber (g)	4.0
Sugar (g)	14.0
Added Sugar (g)	2.0



Click or scan the QR code to see how it's made.



Step-by-Step Directions

- 1. With adult supervision, use a can opener to open the canned peach slices.
- 2. Using a colander, drain the juice from the canned peach slices. Measure out 1/2 cup of peaches.
- 3. Arrange the peach slices on a plate in a layered pattern, similar to how you would arrange chips for nachos.
- 4. With adult supervision, use safety scissors to cut a small corner of the resealable plastic bag to create an opening for drizzling.
- 5. Spoon the yogurt into a resealable plastic bag. Drizzle the yogurt in a circular motion, beginning at the center of the plate and working your way out to the edges.
- 6. Top with chocolate chips, cranberries, almonds, and granola.
- 7. Enjoy this delicious Peachy Peach Nachos treat!







Feather **Goose Creek ISD**





Champions' Berry Crunch Delight

Northwest ISD - Byron Nelson High School Harley Stauter, Katalina Rincon, Katelyn Anderson, Gavin Spaugh, Olivia Bixby





Ingredients

½ each Apple, Raw, Small

Strawberries, Raw, Small

Raspberries, Raw

Greek Yogurt, Non-Fat, ½ cup

Zero Sugar, Vanilla

1 Tbsp Granola, Oats & Honey

1 pinch Cinnamon



Cutting Board Butter Knife

Mixing Bowl

Measuring Cups

Spoon

Serving Bowl

Measuring Spoon



No. of Servings	1
Calories	140
Fat (g)	1.5
Saturated Fat (g)	0.0
Fiber (g)	5.0
Sugar (g)	12.0
Added Sugar (g)	2.0

Nutrition Facts

No. of Servings	1
Calories	140
Fat (g)	1.5
Saturated Fat (g)	0.0
Fiber (g)	5.0
Sugar (g)	12.0
Added Sugar (g)	2.0

- 1. Using a butter knife, dice half of the apple into small pieces and place in a mixing bowl.
- 2. Dice the strawberries and slice the raspberries in half, then add them to the mixing bowl.
- 3. Spoon the yogurt into the mixing bowl and stir to combine it with the fruit.
- 4. Transfer the fruit and yogurt mixture to a serving bowl. Then, top with granola and a sprinkle of cinnamon.
- 5. Enjoy!











Pizza Pow

Rockwall ISD - Dr. Gene Burton College and Career Academy Alizaye Herrera, Ryver Maggart

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Ingredients

1 each Flour Tortilla, Low-Carb,

Street Taco Size

1/4 cup Water Chestnuts, Canned,

Drained, Diced

1/4 cup Green Bell Pepper, Raw, Diced

Pizza Sauce ½ cup

¼ cup Spinach, Raw

4 slices Turkey Pepperoni

Mozzarella Cheese, Fat-Free,

Shredded

1 pinch Salt

1 pinch Black Pepper



2. With an adult's permission, open the can of water chestnuts. Dice the water chestnuts and bell pepper into bite-sized pieces.

for another 30 seconds and check again after cooling.

- 3. Use a spoon to spread pizza sauce on the cooled tortilla.
- 4. Next, top the tortilla with water chestnuts, bell pepper, spinach, pepperoni, and cheese.
- 5. Microwave the pizza for 45 seconds, or until the cheese is melted.
- 6. Remove from the microwave and season with a pinch of salt and pepper.
- 7. Cut into four pieces and enjoy!

Utensils/Equipment

Microwave-Safe Plate

Microwave

Can Opener (Use With Adult

Permission)

Cutting Board

Butter Knife

Measuring Cup

Spoon

Nutrition Facts

No. of Servings	1
Calories	140
Fat (g)	3.0
Saturated Fat (g)	0.0
Fiber (g)	9.0
Sugar (g)	3.0
Added Sugar (g)	0.0









Cluckster's Power Bowl

Arlington ISD - Dan Dipert Career and Technical Center Kairi Aguirre, Isaac Baskin, Geoffrey Dobson

Ingredients

Broccoli Florets, Frozen

Corn, Frozen ¼ cup

Light Vegetable Oil Based Spread

Water 1/3 cup

Instant Mashed Potatoes, 1/4 cup

Unprepared

2 each Air Fried Chicken Nuggets, Frozen

Cheddar Cheese, Fat-Free,

Shredded

Utensils/Equipment

Measuring Cups

Microwave-Safe Bowl

Measuring Spoon

Microwave

Microwave-Safe Cup

Mixing Bowl

Spoon

Microwave-Safe Plate

2 Paper Towels

Cutting Board

Butter Knife

Serving Bowl



Nutrition Facts

No. of Servings	1
Calories	190
Fat (g)	2.0
Saturated Fat (g)	0.0
Fiber (g)	3.0
Sugar (g)	2.0
Added Sugar (g)	0.0



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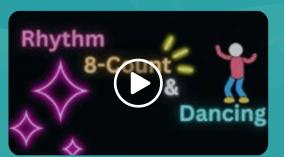


Step-by-Step Directions

- 1. Place the measured frozen broccoli and corn in a microwavesafe bowl, then top with the vegetable spread. Microwave for 1 minute, or until heated through.
- 2. Microwave the water in a microwave-safe cup for 1-2 minutes, or until it reaches a boiling point. Have an adult assist in removing the cup from the microwave, as the glass may be hot.
- 3. Add the potato flakes to a mixing bowl. With the help of an adult, gradually pour in the hot water while stirring until the potatoes reach the desired consistency.
- 4. Stir the corn and broccoli into the mashed potatoes until evenly combined.
- 5. Place 2 chicken nuggets on a paper towel-lined microwavesafe plate and cover with another paper towel. Microwave for 1 minute, then let cool.
- 6. On a cutting board, use a butter knife to slice each chicken nugget into 4 pieces.
- 7. Transfer the mashed potato and vegetable mixture into a serving bowl, then top with the chicken nugget pieces and sprinkle with 1/8 cup of cheese. Enjoy!



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Berry Cloudy

Leander ISD - Leander High School Emma Mcgarrah, Celia Defeild

Ingredients

1 slice Whole Wheat Bread¼ cup Strawberries, Raw¼ cup Blueberries, Raw

2 Tbsp Greek Yogurt, Non-Fat, Plain

1 cracker Honey Graham Cracker

(¼ of a sheet)

½ tsp Honey

Utensils/Equipment

Pop-Up Toaster (Use With Adult Permission)

Butter Knife

Cutting Board

Measuring Cup

Microwave-Safe Bowl

Microwave

Fork

Measuring Spoons

Serving Plate



Click or scan the QR code to see how it's made.



Step-by-Step Directions

- 1. With adult supervision, place a slice of bread in the toaster and toast for about 1 minute.
- 2. Use a butter knife to remove the leafy tops from the strawberries and slice into fourths.
- 3. Place the strawberries & blueberries in a microwave-safe bowl and microwave for 40 seconds.
- 4. Remove from the microwave and use a fork to mash the berries into a jam-like consistency.
- 5. Remove the toast from the toaster. Spread the Greek yogurt on the toast, then add the jam in a cloud-like shape on top.
- 6. Next, crush the graham cracker with a fork. Sprinkle it over the jam and drizzle with honey.
- 7. Enjoy!

No. of Servings 1
Calories 140
Fat (g) 1.5
Saturated Fat (g) 0.0
Fiber (g) 4.0
Sugar (g) 12.0
Added Sugar (g) 3.5



Richardson ISD







Waldorf Chicken Salad Cucumber Boats

Coppell ISD - Coppell High School Annabella Perk, Lincoln Gardner, Weston Polk, Brodie Scoggins, Noah Toledo, Nathalie Petite, Isheeta Bajjuri, Quade Dickert

Ingredients

3/4 cup Rotisserie Chicken, Breast Meat, No Skin, Diced or Shredded

2 Tbsp Celery, Raw, Diced

Cucumber, Raw, Medium

Lemon Juice, Fresh Squeezed 1/4 tsp

Red Apple, Raw, Diced

Greek Yogurt, Non-Fat, Plain

1 pinch Salt

1 pinch Pepper



Cutting Board

Butter Knife

Measuring Spoons

Melon Baller

Small Bowl

Mixing Bowl

Measuring Cup

Spatula

Refrigerator (optional)

Spoon

Serving Plate



Nutrition Facts

Calories	200
Fat (g)	3.5
Saturated Fat (g)	0.5
Fiber (g)	2.0
Sugar (g)	6.0
Added Sugar (g)	0.0



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- 1. Dice the chicken into small pieces using a butter knife or shred it with your hands.
- 2. Chop the celery into small, bite-sized pieces.
- 3. Lay the cucumber horizontally on a cutting board. Trim both ends and discard. Slice the cucumber diagonally into four or five even sections. Using a melon baller (or a spoon), scoop out some of the flesh from each section to create a hollow cup.
- 4. Cut the lemon in half and squeeze the juice into a small bowl.
- 5. Cut the apple into small cubes, similar in size to the celery.
- 6. In a mixing bowl, combine all measured ingredients. Stir everything together with a spatula until well combined.
- 7. For the best flavor, refrigerate the chicken salad mixture for about 30 minutes (optional).
- 8. Using a spoon, fill each cucumber boat with the chicken salad mixture and arrange them on a plate.
- 9. Enjoy!









Super Spider Nice Cream

Weatherford ISD - Weatherford High School Micah Moore, Brendan Ballard, Daiton Kreipe, Caylin Thurman, Adrian Nuncio

Ingredients

Sliced Beets, Canned

Strawberries, Raw, Sliced

Banana, Medium 1 each

Half & Half, Fat-Free

Lemon Juice

Vanilla Extract

Stevia /4 cup

lce 3 cups

Rock or Kosher Salt

Utensils/Equipment

Can Opener (Use With Adult Permission)

Colander

Cutting Board

Butter Knife

Measuring Cups

Mixing Bowl

2 Spoons

Measuring Spoons

Resealable Plastic Bag, Quart-Sized

Freezer Bag, Gallon-Sized

1 Towel, Pair of Gloves, or Pair of Oven Mitts

Serving Bowl



Nutrition Facts

No. of Servings	3
Calories	130
Fat (g)	0.0
Saturated Fat (g)	0.0
Fiber (g)	2.0
Sugar (g)	12.0
Added Sugar (g)	0.0





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- 1. With adult supervision, use a can opener to open the can of sliced beets.
- 2. Rinse the strawberries, remove the leafy tops, and slice them.
- 3. Place the beets, sliced strawberries, and banana in a mixing bowl, then mash them together with a spoon.
- 4. Once everything is mashed, add in the half-and-half, lemon juice, vanilla extract, and Stevia, then stir to combine.
- 5. Pour the mixture from the mixing bowl into a quart-sized resealable plastic bag and seal it.
- 6. Next, fill a gallon-sized freezer bag halfway with ice and rock salt or kosher salt.
- 7. Place the quart-sized bag inside the gallon-sized bag and seal it.
- 8. Use a towel, gloves, or oven mitts to protect your hands while shaking the bag for 15 minutes.
- 9. Once the ice cream has thickened, remove the quart-sized bag, scoop out a serving (about 1/3 of the recipe) into a bowl, and enjoy!









Superhero Power Poppers

Fort Worth ISD - North Side High School Sarai Faison, Jocelyn Ibarra, Judith Garcia, Kayli Gomez, Viridiana Flores

Ingredients

1 cup Hash Browns, Frozen, Shredded

2 cups Spinach, Frozen, Chopped,

Defrosted & Drained

2 Tbsp Cream Cheese, Fat-Free

¼ cup Cheddar Cheese, Reduced-Fat,

Shredded

2 tsp Flour, All Purpose

1/4 tsp Garlic Powder

½ tsp Onion Powder

9 each Tortilla Chips, Crushed

½ tsp Tajín

Utensils/Equipment

Measuring Cups

Measuring Spoons

Microwave-Safe Mixing Bowl

Fork

Microwave

Scoop

Serving Plate





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No. of Servings	3
Calories	140
Fat (g)	4.5
Saturated Fat (g)	1.5
Fiber (g)	3.0
Sugar (g)	0.0
Added Sugar (g)	0.0



Activity Video
Superhero Switch Rockwall ISD





Blue Simple Children Book
Sanger ISD



Step-by-Step Directions

1. Place all ingredients into a microwave-safe mixing bowl, except for the tortilla chips and Tajín.

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- 2. Stir and mash the ingredients with a fork until fully combined, then microwave on high for 2 & 1/2 minutes.
- 3. Remove the bowl from the microwave and stir to ensure the cheese has melted. Then, let it sit for 5-10 minutes to cool slightly.
- 4. While the mixture is cooling, place the crushed tortilla chips on a plate.
- 5. Once the mixture has cooled, divide it into 9 portions. Sprinkle each portion with Tajín, then roll them in crushed tortilla chips until fully coated.
- 6. Enjoy!



Sweet and Salty Ladybug

Allen ISD - Allen High School by Sarina Bands, Ava Tipton

Ingredients

1 each Rice Cake, Lightly Salted

½ Tbsp Peanut Butter, Creamy

½ Tbsp Hummus, Roasted Red Pepper

1.5 each Red Grapes, Raw

1.5 each Cherry Tomatoes, Raw

¼ cup Apple, Raw, Cubed

1/4 cup Red Bell Pepper, Raw Cubed



Utensils/Equipment

Serving Plate
Measuring Spoon
2 Spoons
Cutting Board
Butter Knife
Measuring Cup

Nutrition Facts

No. of Servings	1
Calories	140
Fat (g)	5.0
Saturated Fat (g)	1.0
Fiber (g)	3.0
Sugar (g)	7.0
Added Sugar (g)	0.0





- 1. Place the rice cake on a plate. Use one spoon to spread peanut butter on one half and a separate spoon to spread hummus on the other half. Make sure to leave a small gap between the two spreads to keep them from touching.
- 2. Cut two grapes in half vertically to create 4 pieces. Arrange 3 of the grape halves on the peanut butter side, positioning them to resemble the spots on a ladybug's wings.
- 3. Repeat step 2 with the tomatoes, but arrange them on the hummus side.
- 4. Cut the apple into small cubes. Place 1/4 cup of the chopped apple (skin side up) in the spaces between the grapes on the peanut butter side.
- 5. Cut the red bell pepper into small cubes. Place 1/4 cup of the chopped bell pepper in the spaces between the tomatoes on the hummus side.
- 6. Enjoy!











The Incredible Sorbet

Denton ISD - Lagrone Academy Mia Williams, Michael Dudek, Leo Hurd, Briana Mireles



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1. Cut the ends off each kiwi, then slice them in half. Gently

2. Remove the leafy tops from the strawberries and set them

3. With adult permission, add the fruit, lime juice, honey, and

4. Pour the mixture into a mixing bowl and freeze for at least 1

5. Once the mixture is frozen, scoop a serving into a bowl and

peeled, dice the kiwis and set them aside.

water to a blender and blend until smooth.

slide a spoon around the inside to remove the skin. Once

Step-by-Step Directions



Ingredients

4 each Kiwi, Raw, Medium 2 cups Strawberries, Raw

Lime Juice, Fresh Squeezed 1 tsp

Honey 3/4 tsp ½ cup Water



Utensils/Equipment

Cutting Board Butter Knife

Spoon

Measuring Cups

Measuring Spoons

Blender (Use With Adult

Permission)

Mixing Bowl

Freezer

Scoop

Serving Bowl



Nutrition Facts

No. of Servings Calories 0.5 Fat (g) Saturated Fat (g) 0.0 Fiber (g) 4.0 11.0 Sugar (g) Added Sugar (g) 1.0









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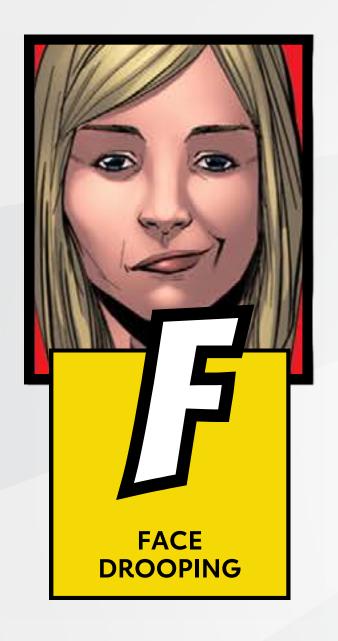








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What is the 21-Day Snacking Challenge?

The 21-Day Snacking Challenge encourages the participant to make healthier snack choices for the next 21 days. Every day, prepare and eat a snack that contains a fruit or veggie. Choose a recipe from this digital book, use our Healthy Snack Finder tool to search our database of over 600 recipes or make your own creation that contains 1/2 cup of fruit or vegetable. We encourage you and your family to participate together and share in the fun!

What is kids teaching kids ??

The *kids teaching kids*° Healthy Lifestyles program was created to help children and their parents build a lifetime of healthy habits through nutrition education and wellness activities. Each school year the program hosts the 21-Day Snacking Challenge. It engages high school Career and Technical Education (CTE) students to teach elementary school students healthier snacking habits while providing other wellness and activity education.

How do I register to take the challenge?

Parents may register their child(ren) by visiting the website kids-teaching-kids.com. Click on "Sign-Up." Simply follow the directions to register.

Why does a parent/guardian have to sign up a child?

You must be 18 years or older to fill out the form. *kids teaching kids*° Healthy Lifestyles only communicates with adults through the email address you provide. The information you give at registration is used to communicate to your school that your child has registered, to provide updates during the challenge, to compare your child's responses at sign-up to the final assessment questions and to ensure delivery of your child's reward.

If the ingredients in the book don't match up to the ingredients I have in my house, do I have to make a special food purchase?

No. We developed a tool on our website called "Healthy Snack Finder." You can use the Healthy Snack Finder to search for snacks from our database of over 600 recipes that match the ingredients you have on hand in your pantry or refrigerator. You may also create your own healthy snack (see guidelines for a healthy snack)

How do I take the final assessment?

Two weeks after the Challenge ends, the program will send you notification to go on your event portal and take the final assessment. You will receive separate communications for each child that you registered and you will fill out separate assessments for each child. The final assessment is required for your child to qualify for their reward.

What if I miss a day in the 21-Day Snacking Challenge?

It is OK to miss a day. Though, during the 21-Day Snacking Challenge, we would like for you to think ahead and plan your snack each day, even on weekends. Remember, you can make and enjoy your snack anytime of the day.

During the 21-Day Snacking Challenge, do I have to make EVERY snack from the book I have?

No. We understand there may be issues with food allergies, availability of ingredients, etc.

What are the guidelines for a Healthy Snack?

Below are the guidelines for your healthy snack. Don't forget to check your portion size!

- 200 calories or less
- 7 g of fat or less
- 2 g of saturated fat or less
- 2 g of fiber or more
- 15 g of sugar or less
- Must contain a minimum of 1/2 cup fruit or vegetable per serving

Can parents and teachers sign up to take the challenge too?

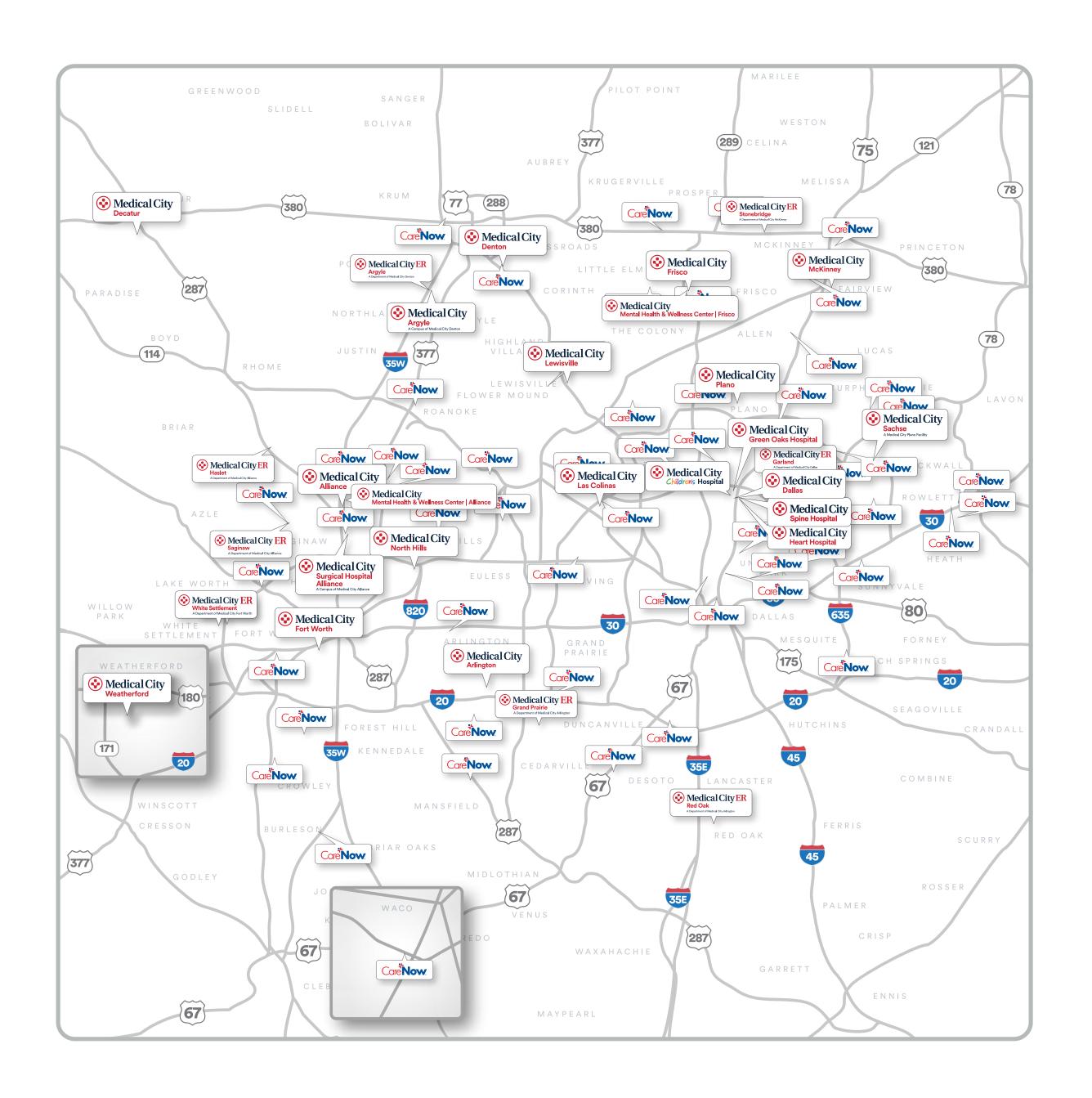
No, the 21-Day Snacking Challenge sign-up and final assessment are only for students. We only give awards to elementary students enrolled in public schools. However, we encourage you to participate with your student(s). You may access the recipe book for free and use the Healthy Snack Finder as well.

Why did the program move from a paper book to a digital book?

In 2020, the program moved the recipe book to all digital as elementary students were becoming more accustomed to online education. This transition allowed the program to be more interactive and expand others areas of education important to students with Wellness and Activity videos.

What if I have questions about the 21-Day Snacking Challenge?

Contact your PE teacher or use the message icon in your event portal.



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