# KIDS & CHOCOLATE MILK

essential nutrients in every 8 ounce glass

protein, calcium, vitamins A & D, vitamin B12, riboflavin, niacin, phosphorus, pantothenic acid



Milk (including chocolate milk)

is the food source of 3 of 4 nutrients of concern







**Fat-Free Chocolate Milk** 

**Sports Drink** 

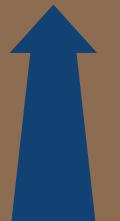


1.5 tsp added sugar Serving size = 8 ounces

3.25 tsp added sugar

Serving size = 8 ounces

of added sugar in kids' diets comes from flavored milk



Kids who drink milk (including chocolate milk) have

higher nutrient intakes

than non-milk drinkers.

servings of dairy a day

& 2.5 servings a day for kids 3 to 8 years

contributes to

bone health for life.



### WHY CHOCOLATE MILK

for Kids

#### **Nutrient-Rich**

Like white milk, chocolate milk has the same 9 essential nutrients important for kids' growth, development, and physical activity.



#### Top Milk Choice in Schools

Chocolate milk is the most popular milk choice in schools and, when available, students drink more milk overall.

#### **Better Diet Quality**

Kids who drink chocolate milk have better quality diets and are just as likely to be at a healthy weight as kids who do not drink chocolate milk. Kids benefit from the many nutrients in milk, like calcium, vitamin D, and potassium.

#### A More Healthful Option

Chocolate milk is a great alternative to replacing sugary drinks like soda and fruit beverages in kids' diets, while not obtaining higher intakes of added sugar and fat.

#### 1-2-3 Servings Each Day

Kids' average daily intake of dairy falls short of recommendations, especially as they get older. A serving of chocolate milk can help close the gap between actual and recommended intakes of milk and milk's nutrients.

#### **Young Athletes**

A great choice for young athletes to fuel for physical activity, replenish fluid and electrolytes post-exercise and support bone health to reduce risk of stress fractures.

## An Added **BONUS**:

Chocolate milk helps meet nutrient needs while remaining affordable and convenient.

#### Adapted from United Dairy Industry of Michigan

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