

Free Online Resources

Providing teachers with online resources to lead healthy activity breaks:

- > Teacher Manuals
- > Active Learning Lessons
- > Online Printable Resources
- > Teacher Training Programs
- > Game Design Elements
- > Instructional Exercise Videos
- > Training Activity Videos
- > Online Implementation Guide
- > Compendium of Activities
- > Michigan Model for Health Integration Guide







# Move together. A summary of how physical activity offered in schools enhances academic performance, student health, and overall well-being.

# **Academic Performance**



Physical activity breaks are positively linked to improved academic performance. It enhances attention span, increasing learning time, and boosts test scores and comprehension skills. These benefits apply to both boys and girls and support cognitive skills and attitudes across all ages.

Of the students,

Most teachers preferred fewer breaks that lasted minutes.

## Behavioral Managment



Physical activity can serve as a tier-one behavioral approach for managing anxiety. It helps stabilize mood and reduce hyperactivity and impulsive behaviors, making it an effective strategy for calming difficult emotions. Additionally, physical activity breaks have been shown to improve social behavior among peers.

On average, teachers were able to implement activity breaks per day.

were exercising at a moderate to vigorous intensity level.

# Social-Emotional Learning



Physical activity breaks enhance student engagement in school activities and improve self-management of emotions. They also increase social cohesion within the school environment, boost student self-awareness, and raise self-confidence.

Students reported a

Within 30 seconds of completing an activity break,

of students were on-task.

Students reported an



on their confidence levels following physical activity every day at school.

out of 5

on an enjoyment scale

during activity breaks.

InPACT is aligned with the Michigan Model for Health K-5 curriculum. Physical activity breaks help maintain stable blood sugar levels throughout the day. It supports the accumulation of 20 minutes of physical activity, which can improve memory and reduce depression. Additionally, physical activity breaks contributes to better blood pressure and stronger bones.

### Student Health





