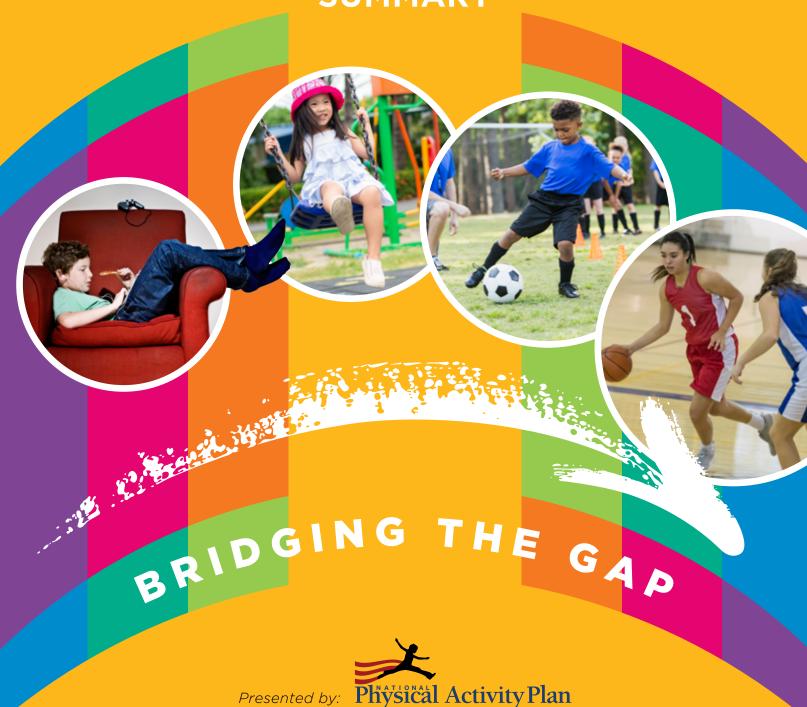
The 2018 United States Report Card on

Physical Activity for Children and Youth

SUMMARY



2018 U.S. Report Card Objective and Methodology

The 2018 United States (U.S.) Report Card is the third comprehensive assessment of physical activity in U.S. children and youth, updating the first Report Card released in 2014 and second released in 2016. The primary goal of the 2018 U.S. Report Card is to assess the levels of physical activity and sedentary behaviors in American children and youth, facilitators and barriers for physical activity, and health outcomes related to physical activity. The tracking of physical activity indicators over time is an important surveillance tactic that allows for an assessment of population-level changes in behavior. The Report Card is a resource that

summarizes health statistics related to physical activity levels among children and youth in the U.S. More importantly, the Report Card is an advocacy tool that provides a level of accountability and call-to-action for decision makers regarding how we, as parents, teachers, health professionals, community leaders, and policy makers, can implement new initiatives, programs, and policies in support of healthy environments to improve the physical activity levels and health of our children and youth.

Making the Grade

The Report Card Research Advisory Committee identified the best available data from multiple nationally representative surveys to provide a comprehensive evaluation of physical activity for children and youth. The committee assigned a letter grade to each indicator based on the evidence. Each grade reflects how well the U.S. is succeeding at providing children and youth opportunities and/or support for physical activity. The rubric to the right presents the standard rubric the Committee used to determine a grade for each indicator.



GRADE	INTERPRETATION	BENCHMARK
A	We are succeeding with a large majority of children and youth (≥ 80%)	A+ = 94-100% A = 87-93% A- = 80-86%
В	We are succeeding with well over half of children and youth (60-79%)	B+ = 74-79% B = 67-73% B- = 60-66%
C	We are succeeding with about half of children and youth (40-59%)	C+ = 54-59% C = 47-53% C- = 40-46%
D	We are succeeding with less than half but some children and youth (20-39%)	D+ = 34-39% D = 27-33% D- = 20-26%
F	We are succeeding with very few children and youth (< 20%)	F = 0-19%
INC	Incomplete—insufficient or inadequate information to assign a grade	



About the National Physical Activity Plan

The U.S. Report Card Research Advisory Committee responsible for developing this report is a sub-committee of the National Physical Activity Plan (NPAP) Alliance, a 501c3 nonprofit organization. The Alliance is committed to ensuring the long-term success of the NPAP. The Alliance is a coalition of national organizations that have come together to ensure that efforts to promote physical activity in the American population will be guided by a comprehensive, evidence-based strategic plan. The Alliance is governed by a Board of Directors composed of representatives of organizational partners and at-large experts on physical activity and public health (see the NPAP's website link below for a complete list of partners).

The NPAP is a comprehensive set of policies, programs, and initiatives that aim to increase physical activity in all segments of the American population. It is the product of a private-public sector collaborative. Hundreds of organizations are working together to change communities in ways that will enable every American to be sufficiently physically active. With the NPAP, the Alliance aims to create a national culture that supports physically active lifestyles. Its ultimate purpose is to improve health, prevent disease and disability, and enhance quality of life.

The NPAP has a vision: One day, all Americans will be physically active, and they will live, work, and play in environments that encourage and support regular physical activity.

The first U.S. NPAP was released in 2010 and was recently updated and re-released in 2016 with the addition of faithbased settings and sport as new societal sectors. Societal sectors are areas of opportunity for physical activity promotion that provide the infrastructure for the Plan. The NPAP is comprised of recommendations organized in nine societal sectors: Business and Industry; Community Recreation, Fitness and Parks; Education; Faith-based Settings; Healthcare; Mass Media; Public Health; Sport; and Transportation, Land Use and Community Design. Each sector presents strategies aimed at promoting physical activity. Each strategy outlines specific tactics that communities, organizations, agencies, and individuals can use to implement the strategy. Recognizing that some strategies encompass multiple sectors, the NPAP has several overarching priorities focusing on initiatives that aim to increase physical activity.

For more information on the NPAP or the NPAP Alliance, visit: www.physicalactivityplan.org.

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