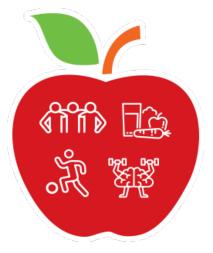
## WHAT IS THE HEALTHY SCHOOLS PROGRAM?

York Region Public Health works in partnership with schools to create an environment that makes school the best place to learn, work and play. A Healthy Schools approach engages students and the whole school community by encouraging everyone to make healthy choices.

## The Healthy Schools program:

- Recognizes healthy students learn better and achieve more
- Understands schools can influence student health and behaviour
- Encourages healthy lifestyle choices and promotes students' health and well-being

It is important to remember, student health is about more than the absence of illness. Health and education are interconnected, and health can be incorporated into all aspects of school and learning.



The Healthy Schools program benefits from the participation and support of families and the community at large, and parents can make a valuable contribution. Ask your school administrator, teacher, or school council member how you can get involved in student learning and well-being.

This material is provided by York Region Public Health. For more information or resources on Healthy Schools, please visit <u>york.ca/healthyschools</u>

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