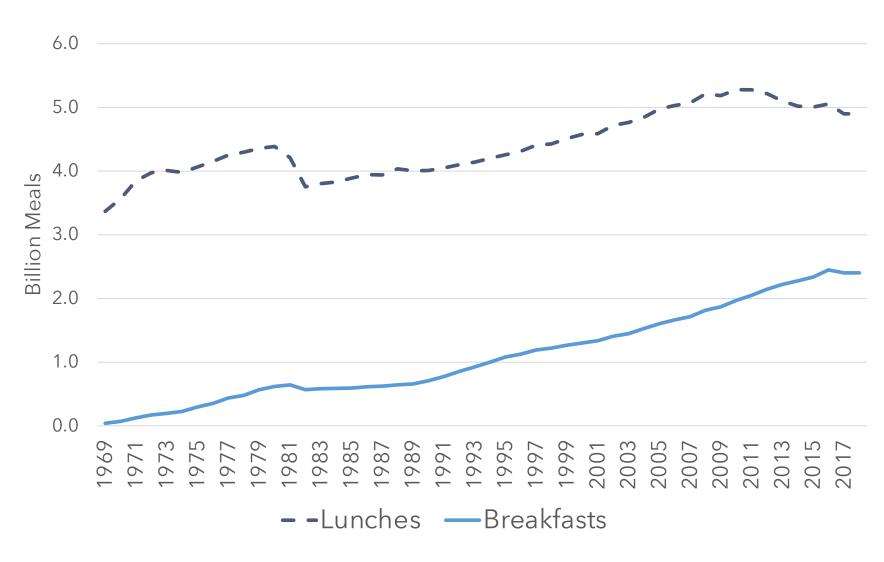
# Weight, Diet, and Academic Effects of a Breakfast in the Classroom Initiative

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## School Breakfast Program Participation Lags Behind National School Lunch Program Participation



#### **Alternative Breakfast Service Strategies Heavily Promoted**





## **School Breakfast Program Participation**



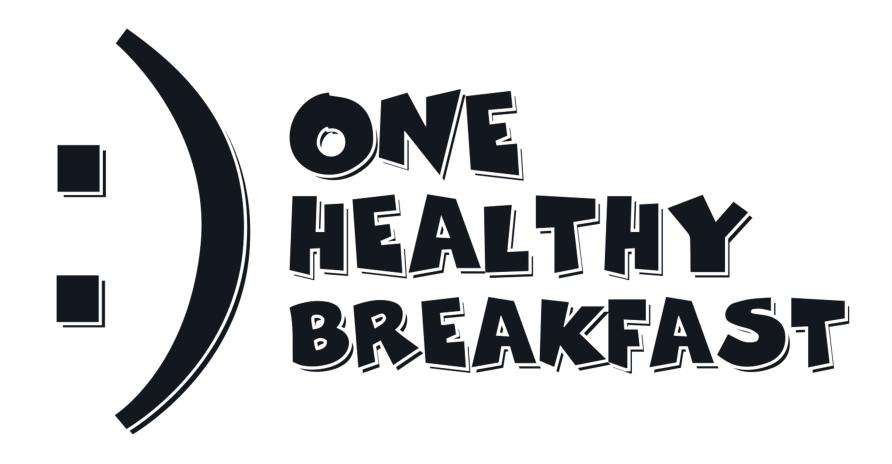
**Dietary Outcomes** 



**Weight Outcomes** 



**Academic Outcomes** 











#### **ONE HEALTHY BREAKFAST TIPS**

How do I know if a food is healthy for breakfast?\*

- Read the Nutrition Facts Label.
- > Please take this newsletter home Check the label to see how much is in one serving size. and share with your family.
- Look for foods and drinks that are lower in fat, sugar, and calories. Foods are extra healthy if they have vitamins, protein, and fiber.
- Fresh fruits and vegetables don't have a nutrition label, but they are simple

and healthy choices.



#### Breakfast is an easy as 1,2,3!\* Include at least three food groups from MyPlate to

- Cereal with fruit and low or non-fat milk.
- One Healthy Breakfast. Try these: Bagel with peanut butter and a banana.
- Egg with salsa in a whole wheat tortilla. Yogurt parfait (low or non-fat yogurt, mixed wi grain cereal).

#### Peanut Butter Waffle

Take a whole-grain waffle and instead of topping it with butter (which just adds sugar and fat), spread 2 tablespo butter on top. The whole-grain waffle will give you fiber butter will give you protein. You could also sprinkle some get your three food groups (or add a glass of low or nor



ONE = eat foods in their recommended amounts **HEALTHY** = healthy choices from 3 MyPlate food groups BREAKFAST = morning food and drink, providing energ

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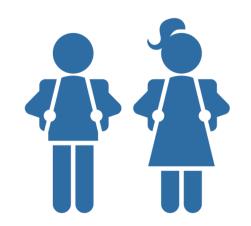




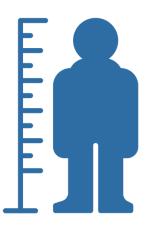


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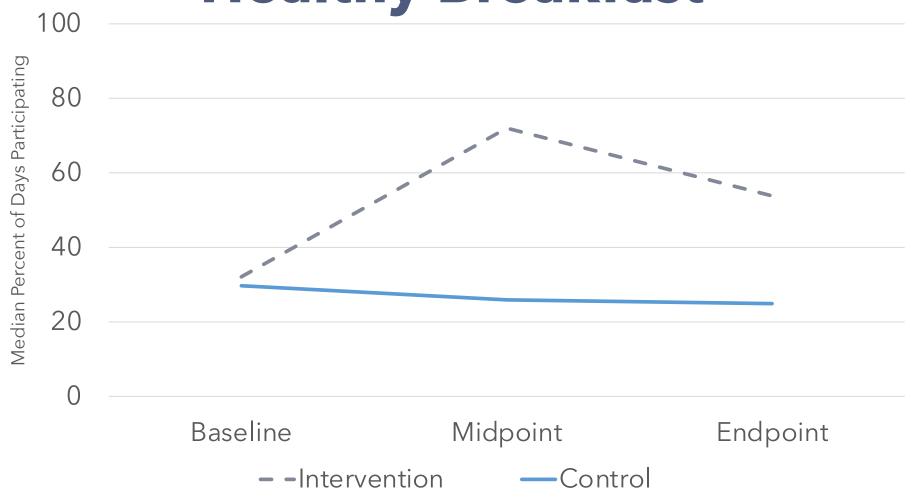




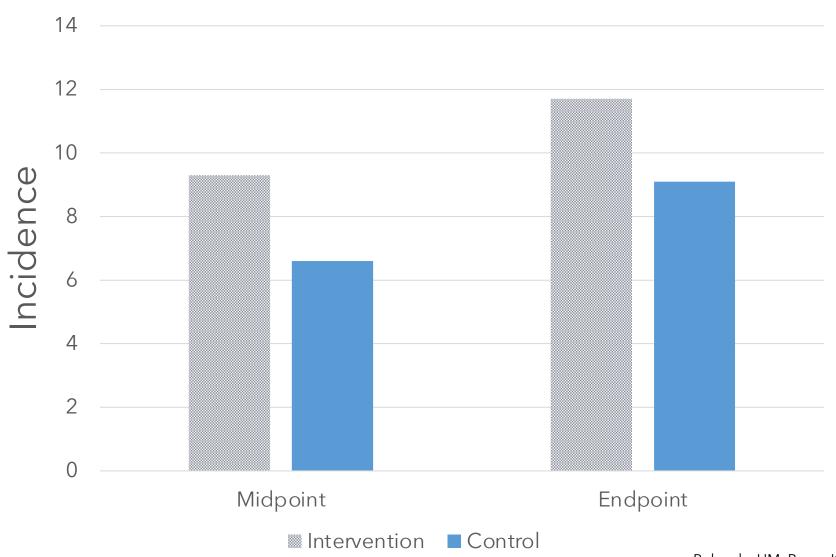




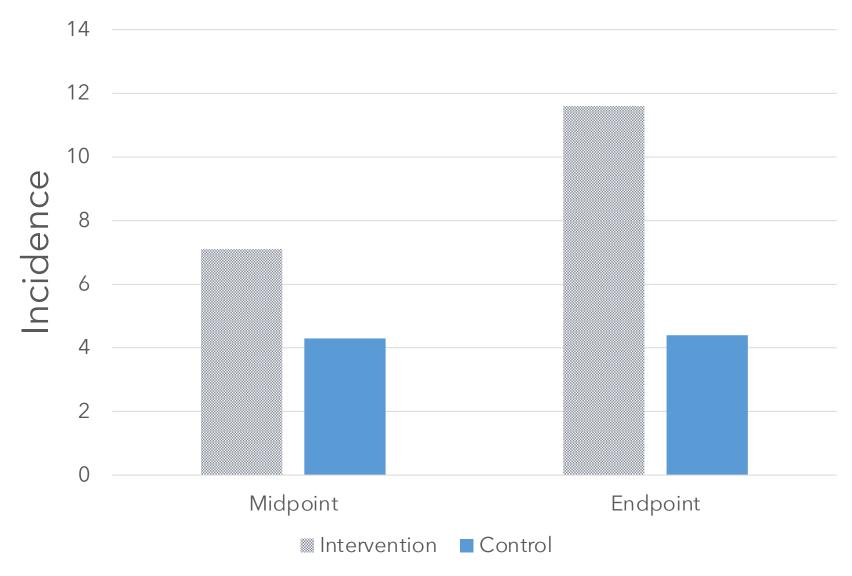
# School Breakfast Program Participation Increases with One Healthy Breakfast



## No Impacts on Overweight/Obesity



### **Increases in Obesity Incidence and Prevalence**



### Impacts on Breakfast Behaviors

- **Skipped Breakfast** 
  - Ate at School
- Ate at Corner Store
  - Ate at Home
- **Ate at Multiple Locations**

## Impacts on Dietary Intake

- **X** Milk
- **1** 100% Juice
- Sugar Sweetened Beverages
  - X Fruit
  - **X** Grain Products
  - **X**Meat/Meat Alternatives
- Foods High in Saturated Fat and Added Sugar
- Met School Breakfast Program Requirements

### Impacts on Academic Outcomes

- **Attendance**
- **Math Standardized Test Scores**
- Reading Standardized Test Scores

#### Conclusions

- Breakfast in the Classroom, with complementary nutrition promotion, increased obesity among Philadelphia students.
- No effect was seen on breakfast skipping.
- Students shifted breakfast to school from other locations, but overall more students ate multiple breakfast.
- Some improvements were observed in the quality of foods students ate.
- No impact on academic outcomes.

#### **Challenges and Future Research Opportunities**

- High loss to follow-up (42%) due to student transfer
- Low-income, urban area with high density of corner stores
- "Share tables" provided some students extra food
- Intervention did not target types of foods served for breakfast
  - 100% juice allowed as fruit
  - Packaged foods easiest for classroom service
  - Students' taste preferences

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