Food Chart

Use this chart to help you choose foods to eat most often, foods to eat sometimes, and foods to eat least often.

	Eat More	Eat Some	Eat Less
Fruit	Fresh, frozen, and canned fruit without added sugar or syrup Examples: apples, bananas, pears	Dried fruit, fruit pouches, 100% fruit juice, fruits canned in light syrup, frozen 100% fruit juice bars	Fruit Snacks, fruit canned in heavy syrup, frozen fruit with added sugar, fruit flavored drinks
Vegetables	Fresh, frozen, and canned veggies without added salt, fat, or sauces Examples: carrots, celery, spinach	Veggies with fat, salt, and sauces Examples: veggies canned in salt, veggies with cheese or sauces	Deep fried vegetables and fries, veggie chips
Dairy	Block cheese, shredded cheese, string cheese, cottage cheese, milk, plain yogurt	Flavored yogurt	Chocolate milk, fried cheese, ice cream, frozen yogurt, flavored pudding
Grains	Whole grain foods Examples: bread, pasta, rice, bagels, tortillas, crackers, oatmeal, cereal	White/refined grain foods Examples: bagels, crackers, rice, granola bars, air-popped popcorn	Donuts, muffins, pastries, sugary cereals, cookies, cake, pie, chips, cheese puffs, buttered popcorn
Protein	Beans, egg whites, fish, tofu, tuna, skinless chicken or turkey, extra lean beef, nut butter, nuts & seeds	Lean ground beef, ham, eggs	Fried meat or eggs, chicken nuggets, ground beef, hot dogs, pepperoni, sausage
Condiments	Hummus, avocado, pesto guacamole, red marinara	Ketchup, mustard, mayo, butter, salad dressings	Cheese sauces and syrups Examples: alfredo and nacho sauce, maple and blueberry syrup
Drinks	Water and milk	100% fruit juice	Soda, sports drinks, chocolate milk, lemonade, fruit flavored drinks, juice powders