# I Pledge Allegiance to My Health

This pledge can be read daily at school or at home with your family to remind you of all the ways to take care of your body!

I pledge allegiance to my health, to not compare myself to anyone else. With fruits and vegetables I'll fill my tray and get nice and sweaty every day. I have only this body and this one heart so today's the day I'm going to start eating less chips and less sugary drinks and before I eat I'm going to think!

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# Dried Fruit

### **Nutrition Facts**

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Serving Size: 1/4 cup dried apricots (40g					
Calories 80 Calor	ries from Fat 0				
	% Daily Value				
Total Fat 0g	0%				
Saturated Fat 0g	0%				
Trans Fat 0g					
Cholesterol 0mg	0%				
Sodium 3mg	0%				
Total Carbohydrate 25g	8%				
Dietary Fiber 2g	6%				
Sugars 17g					
Protein 1g					
Vitamin A 25%	Calcium 2%				
Vitamin C 0%	Iron 4%				
Other nutrients: Potassium (9%	5)				

- A ¼ cup of dried apricots is an excellent source of vitamin A and a good source of potassium.
- Common dried fruits include raisins, figs, dates, and prunes, but many fruits can be dried and eaten.
- Fruits become dry when their moisture content drops below 20 percent. California's grape growers happened upon raisins accidently when an early heat wave dried the grapes on the vine.
- Before being sent to market, most dried fruit undergo a process—usually by boiling or steaming—to bring their moisture content up to about 30 percent. The added moisture usually makes the fruit more plump and tasty.

A 1/4 cup of dried apricots has _	%	<b>Daily Value</b>	(DV) for	potassium.
Use the Glossary of Nutrients of	on page 28	to define po	tassium.	



#### Trail Mix with Dried Fruit



Write three descriptive sentences using precise adjectives that describe the way dried fruits taste, look, or feel.


## What Does Healthy Look Like To Me?

It is important to pay attention to where you get your food, whether healthy or unhealthy. Eating healthy is important but you should be living in a place that supports being healthy also. The brainstorming activities below can be done as a class, in a group, or individually.



Be sure to discuss with your teacher and classmates how to make positive changes for yourself and/or your community.