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## Body Image & Self-Esteem

How you see yourself matters, but it's important to remember that your worth isn't tied to your appearance. Your body is uniquely yours. Social media, peer pressure & your own expectations can make it hard to feel confident.

Remember no one is perfect & true confidence comes from within. Focus on what your body helps you do, not on how it looks. Celebrate your unique qualities, practice self-kindness, & surround yourself with positivity. If you're struggling, ask for help. Talk to a trusted friend, teacher, or counselor. You're not alone, & you deserve to feel good about yourself just as you are!

### Strategies for Boosting Self-Esteem & Body Image

- Challenge Negative Thoughts
- Limit Social Media Comparisions
- Focus on Abilities Over Appearance
- Set Realistic Goals
- Practice Self Care
- Surround Yourself w/Positivity
- Wear Clothes that Make you Feel Good
- Celebrate Size Diversity
- Engage in Activities that Build Confidence
- Seek Support

#### **Resources:**

The Body Positive
Project HEAL
NEDA- Feeding Hope
MORE-LOVE.ORG
Association for Size Diversity

### Podcasts:

Food Psych
Rethinking Wellness



# THE IMPORTANCE OF BODY IMAGE:

### SELF-ESTEEM



Dictales how a person feels about themselves and can infiltrate every aspect of life. Contributes to happiness and well-being.

### SELF-ACCEPTANCE



Making a person more likely to feel comfortable & happy with the way they look, and less likely to feel impacted by unrealistic images in the media and societal pressures.

### HEALTHY OUTLOOK



It is easier to lead a balanced lifestyle with healthier attitudes and practices relating to food and exercise when you are in tune with, and respond to the needs of your body.