New recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics

SCREEN TIME FOR KIDS



18 MONTHS OR YOUNGER

No screens are best.

The exception is live video chat with family and friends.



18 MONTHS TO 2 YEARS

Limit screen time and avoid solo use.

Choose high-quality educational programming and watch with kids to ensure understanding.



2 TO 5 YEARS

Limit screen time to an hour a day

Parents should watch as well as to ensure understanding and application to their world.



6 TO 10 YEARS

Place consistent limits on the time spent and types of media.

Don't let screen time affect sleep, exercise or other behaviors.



11-13 YEARS

Up to 2 hours per day - At this age, children can understand the concept of balance. You can help them understand the benefits of moderation.

FOR THE FAMILY

Set family media-free times like meals or driving.

Identify media-free zones like bedrooms.

Continue discussing online citizenship and safety, including treating others with respect online and offline