## Nutrition Education

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What Is It and Why Is It Important

#### What Is Nutrition?

# The process by which the body takes food and uses it.

## What is a Nutrient?

-A nutrient is a chemical substance in food that helps maintain the body.

-Some provide energy.

-All help build cells and tissues, and regulate bodily processes such as breathing.

-No single food supplies all the nutrients the body needs to function.

## The Six Essential Nutrients



#### Carbohydrates

#### \* Proteins







#### \*Vitamins



\*Minerals and water

#### Nutrients That Have Calories:

#### ✓ Proteins



#### Carbohydrates





