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# Sleep Handout

#### Average sleep time

School age (6-13) 9-11 hours Teenagers (14-17) 8-10 hours Younger adults (18-25) 7-9 hours Adults (26-64) 7-9 hours Think of this as a sleep bank meaning a teenager should average at least 56 hours of sleep a week.



# **Sleep Types**

You are a lark, and owl or something in between. Third birds are a mix between the two. Larks are early risers and owls stay up later. Teenagers are generally owls.



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# The best time of day to do these things, depending on your chronotype

	Lark	Third Bird	Owl
Analytic tasks	Early morning	Early to midmorning	Late afternoon and evening
Insight tasks	Late afternoon/early evening	Late afternoon/early evening	Morning
Making an impression	Morning	Morning	Morning (sorry, owls)
Making a decision	Early morning	Early to midmorning	Late afternoon and evening

# The brain has no lymphatic system to remove cellular waste

- Clearance of Interstitial solutes, including Amyloid B
- Amyloid B plaques are associated with Alzheimers
- Rids the brain of cellular waste and toxins



# Why it matters

Lower GPA in college students that have poor sleep Increase in hyperactivity Lower antibodies Increase in chances of obesity Increase sympathetic activation Decrease killer cell activity

Decrease in attention Higher irritability Increase in anxiety and depression Consume 10-15% more calories Increase Cortisol Lower empathy

# What to know

Over a four year period 100% of adults will have experienced acute, short-term insomnia. It should take 10-20 minutes to drift off.

No light. Light from blue light can go through the eye lids. Your brain still processes when this happens. Light leads to more arousal which leads to less deep sleep.

You can reset your clock.

# What to do

Good sleep hygiene; Develop a routine at the same time doing the same things each time. Create a good sleep environment. Good mattress, pillows, dark room, cool temperature. Go to bed at the same time. Expose your body and face to the sun in the morning. Block blue light 4-6 hours before bed. Flux app Night shift for your phone, no notifications, sounds or light. Do not workout less than three hours before bed time. Absolutely no nap after 3:00PM and no nap longer than 25 minutes (sleep inertia)