

ABCC - WELLNESS POLICY

Nutrition Education & Promotion

The District should strive to promote the following nutrition goals (consistent with the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*) in grades K-12 through the curriculum and through other promotional methods:

1. Provide a health education curriculum that is aligned with state standards and requirements; is taught by well-prepared and well-supported staff; that is age appropriate; and that is aimed at influencing students' knowledge, attitudes, and eating habits.
2. Provide an overall school environment that encourages students to make healthy food choices, specifically encouraging:
 - a. Balancing calories with physical activity to manage weight
 - b. Consumption of more healthy foods and nutrients such as fruits, vegetables, whole grains, fat-free and low-fat dairy products, and seafood
 - c. Consumption of fewer foods with sodium (salt), saturated fats, trans fats, cholesterol, added sugars, and refined grains
3. Identify and implement methods to educate family members about district nutrition standards and goals and involve them in program development and implementation.

The wellness policy committee may develop a list of activities that will help the District achieve the above goals and provide this list to administrators to assist with implementation of this policy.

Physical Education

In addition to state standards and mandates related to physical education, the District should strive, to the extent practical, to offer opportunities for students to be physically active through activities that may include but not be limited to recess and extracurricular offerings. The goals of physical activity programs shall be: to develop students' knowledge and skills necessary to perform a variety of physical activities; assess, maintain and improve personal fitness; regularly participate in physical activity; understand the short- and long-term benefits of physical activity; and value and enjoy physical activity as an ongoing part of a healthy lifestyle.

Administration will ensure that policies and practices are in place that will enable students with disabilities and other special health care needs to participate as fully as possible and safely in physical education and other school physical activity programs. Teachers and other school personnel will not use physical activity (e.g., running laps, pushups) or withhold opportunities for physical activity (e.g., recess, physical education class) as punishment.

Goals for Other School-Based Activities

The District will seek to promote the physical activity and nutrition goals of this policy through other activities that are practical, implementable, and within district budgetary and statutory parameters. The goals of these other activities shall be to reinforce the nutrition promotion, nutrition education, and/or physical activity goals stipulated above. Activities implemented under this policy provision may be offered to students, parents, and/or district staff.

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Nutrition Standards

For all meals provided with funds from the National School Breakfast and Lunch program, the District shall comply with applicable federal nutrition standards established in federal regulations. The District shall comply with any applicable federal standards for competitive food sales on district property if and when these standards become available. In the interim and for all other food sold on District property, school administrators shall, to the extent practical, promote the goals of this policy when selecting food items available for sale in schools. All other foods provided by the District (e.g., as a part of a classroom celebration) or under the district's jurisdiction (e.g., a school fundraiser) should be selected judiciously, taking into consideration the nutritional value of the food being served, the goals of this policy, and the frequency of use.

Policy Development, Implementation, Review, & Dissemination

The District encourages parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, teachers of physical education, school health professionals, the school board, school administrators, and the general public to participate in the development, implementation, and periodic review and update of the local school wellness policy. The District shall determine the best methods for the above groups to participate in these processes and shall relay information about the participation processes to the above groups using the method deemed most appropriate, effective, and cost efficient by the Superintendent. The Board or designee shall appoint a wellness policy committee in accordance with applicable district policy on committee appointments to develop the wellness policy and perform additional duties prescribed herein.

The Wellness policy committee (the Curriculum Steering Committee completes these activities) shall designate one individual per school building to monitor and enforce building-level compliance with the wellness policy. The names of these designees shall be listed in administrative regulations. Each designee shall be responsible for reporting on building-level compliance with this policy and supplying the wellness policy committee with any material requested to help the committee assess implementation of and compliance with this policy.

At least annually, the wellness policy committee shall meet to determine the extent to which each district school is in compliance with the local school wellness policy, the extent to which the local school wellness policy compares to model local school wellness policies (e.g., policies created by the state or federal government, if available or by a state or federal organization that provides support services to schools), and the progress made in attaining the goals of the local school wellness policy. The wellness policy committee shall complete a report that contains the above components, which it shall provide to the New Town Public School Board and disseminate publicly on the district's website. Any recommended amendments to the wellness policy must be adopted by the board in compliance with board policy on policy adoption.

The District shall disseminate the wellness policy and any wellness policy amendments to students, parents, and the public by revising the student handbooks.

Complementary Documents

- BBBB, School Board Committees
- BDA, Procedure for Adopting Board Policy
- BDBC, Citizens' Advisory Committees
- IB, Food Service Program
- IB-E2, DPI Requirements & Guidelines for Adult Meals
- IB-E3, Foods of Minimal Nutritional Value