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8510 - **WELLNESS**

As required by law, the Board establishes the following wellness policy for the School District as a part of a comprehensive wellness initiative.

Policy Preamble

The Board recognizes that good nutrition and regular physical activity affect the health and well-being of the District's students. Furthermore, research suggests that there is a positive correlation between a student's health and well-being and his/her ability to learn. Moreover, schools can play an important role in the developmental process by which students establish their health and nutrition habits by providing nutritious meals and snacks through the schools' meal programs, by supporting the development of good eating habits, and by promoting increased physical activity both in and out of school.

Schools alone, however, cannot develop in students healthy behaviors and habits with regard to eating and exercise cannot be accomplished by the schools alone. It will be necessary for not only the staff, but also parents and the public at large to be involved in a community-wide effort to promote, support, and model such healthy behaviors and habits.

The Board sets the following goals in an effort to enable students to establish good health and nutrition choices to:

- A. promote nutrition education with the objective of improving students' health and reducing childhood obesity;
- B. improve the health and well-being of our children, increase consumption of healthful foods during the school day, and create an environment that reinforces the development of healthy eating habits;
- C. promote nutrition guidelines, a healthy eating environment, child nutrition programs, and food safety and security on each school campus with the objective of promoting student health and reducing childhood obesity;
- D. provide opportunities for every student to develop the knowledge and skills for specific physical activities, maintain physical fitness, regularly participate in physical activity, and understand the short and long-term benefits of a physically active lifestyle;
- E. promote the health and wellness of students and staff through other school-based activities.

Policy Leadership

(X) The designated official for oversight of the wellness policy is Amanda Duncan. The official shall convene the Wellness Committee and lead the review, updating, and evaluation of the policy.

Required Public Involvement

The District Administrator shall obtain the input of District stakeholders, to include parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, educational staff (including physical education teachers), school health professionals, Board members, members of the public, and other school administrators in the development, implementation, evaluation, and periodic review and update, if necessary, of the wellness policy. **(X) School-level health advisory or wellness committees may assist in the planning and implementation of these Wellness initiatives.**

The wellness committee shall be an administrative committee with members recruited and appointed by the District Administrator.

Policy Leadership and Reporting Requirement

~~The District Administrator will oversee development, implementation, and evaluation of the wellness procedures and is authorized to designate a staff member or members with responsibility to assure that wellness initiatives are followed in the District's schools.~~

~~The District Administrator shall conduct reviews of the progress toward school wellness procedures, identify areas for improvement, and recommend revision of procedures as necessary.~~

~~Before the end of each school year the wellness committee shall submit to the District Administrator and Board their report in which they describe the environment in each of the District's schools and the implementation of the wellness policy in each school, and identify any revisions to the policy the committee deems necessary.~~

~~The District Administrator or a designee of the wellness committee shall report annually to the Board on the District's wellness programs, including the assessment of the environment in the District, evaluation of wellness policy implementation District-wide, and the areas for improvement, if any, identified. The District Administrator or a designee of the wellness committee shall also report on the status of compliance by individual schools and progress made in attaining goals established in the policy.~~

~~The program developed shall include the following items, along with any additional measures deemed appropriate:~~

- ~~A. identify specific goals for nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, and other school-based activities that promote student wellness, with consideration for evidence-based strategies;~~
- ~~B. develop nutrition guidelines for all foods and beverages sold during the school day, that are consistent with Federal requirements for meal nutrition standards and smart snacks, and restricting marketing efforts to only those items that meet established guidelines;~~
- ~~C. develop policies pertaining to other food items in the schools, including for classroom parties, birthday snacks, or other food items not for sale, but distributed in the schools;~~
- ~~D. describes the process and public involvement in the development of the wellness program and initiatives.~~

Nutrition Standard for All Foods/School Meal Programs/Standards and Guidelines for School Meal Programs

- A. All meals meet or exceed current nutrition requirements established under the Healthy Hunger-free Kids Act of 2010. [DRAFTING NOTE: The policy should include a link to USDA meal pattern requirements or list them individually.] (<https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/SP38-2019os.pdf#page=2>)
- B. Drinking water is available for students during mealtimes.() Withholding food as a punishment shall be strictly prohibited.
- C. **(X) Withholding food as a punishment shall be strictly prohibited.**
- D. **(X) All meals are appealing and attractive and served in clean and pleasant settings.**
- E. **(X) When drinking fountains are not present in the cafeteria, water cups/jugs are available.**
- F. **(X) Students are provided at least _15_ minutes to eat breakfast and at least _20_ to eat lunch after being seated.**
- G. **(X) All school nutrition program directors, managers, and staff shall meet or exceed hiring and annual continuing education/training requirements in the USDA professional standards for child nutrition professionals.**

Foods and Beverages Sold Outside of School Meals

All food and beverages sold and served outside of the school meal programs ("competitive" foods and beverages) shall, at a minimum, meet the standards established in USDA's Nutrition Standards for All Foods Sold in Schools (Smart Snacks) rule.

(X) All food and beverages sold to students during before and after school programs shall meet the USDA Smart Snack nutrition standards.

Foods Offered/Provided but Not Sold

(X) The District encourages foods offered on the school campus to meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards including those provided at celebrations and parties and classroom snacks brought by staff or family members.

(X) Non-food celebrations will be promoted and a list of ideas is available to staff and family members.

Fundraising

(X) The District adheres to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction fund-raiser exemption policy and allows two (2) exempt fund-raisers per student organization per school per year. All other fund-raisers sold during the school day will meet the Smart Snacks nutrition standards. No restrictions are placed on the sale of food/beverage items sold outside of the school day.

Marketing

(X) Schools will restrict food and beverage marketing to only those foods and beverages that meet the nutrition standards set forth by USDA's Nutrition Standards for All Foods Sold in Schools (Smart Snacks) rule. Marketing includes brand names, trademarks, logos, or tags except when placed on a food or beverage product/container; displays, such as vending machine exteriors; corporate/brand names, logos, trademarks on cups, posters, school supplies, education materials, food service equipment, and school equipment (e.g. message boards, scoreboards, uniforms); advertisements in school publications/mailings; sponsorship of school activities, fundraisers, or sports teams; educational incentive programs such as contests or programs; and free samples or coupons displaying advertising of a product.

Nutrition Education

- A. The primary goal of nutrition education is to influence students' lifelong eating behaviors. Nutrition education, a component of comprehensive health education, shall be offered every year to all students of the District. The District aims to teach, model, encourage, and support healthy eating by providing nutrition education.**
- B. Nutrition curriculum shall be offered as part of a sequential, standards-based program designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to promote health. Curriculum will place an emphasis on: promotion of adequate nutrient intake, healthy food preparation techniques, food safety, and healthy eating practices based on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and MyPlate; skill development, such as reading labels to evaluate the nutrient quality of foods, meal planning, analysis of health information; and media literacy and the problems associated with food marketing to children.**

C. Nutrition education shall be incorporated into the health curriculum and other aspects of the curriculum, including science, math, language arts, and elective courses.

D. Nutrition education shall be included in the sequential, comprehensive health curriculum in accordance with the **Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Model Academic Standards for Nutrition.**

E. Schools will provide nutrition education lessons that cover topics such as reading a Nutrition Facts label.

F. Nutrition education will provide the knowledge and skills necessary to promote health.

G. Nutrition education shall include opportunities for appropriate student projects related to nutrition, involving, when possible, community agencies and organizations.

H. Nutrition education shall extend beyond the classroom by engaging and involving the school's food service staff.

I. Nutrition education posters, such as the Food Pyramid Guide, will be displayed in the cafeteria.

J. Nutrition education shall extend beyond the school by engaging and involving families and the community.

K. Nutrition education shall reinforce lifelong balance by emphasizing the link between caloric intake (eating) and exercise in ways that are age-appropriate.

- L. Nutrition education benchmarks and standards include a focus on media literacy as it relates to food marketing strategies.
- M. Nutrition education standards and benchmarks promote the benefits of a balanced diet that includes fruits, vegetables, whole grain products, and low-fat and fat-free dairy products.
- N. Instruction related to the standards and benchmarks for nutrition education shall be provided by highly qualified teachers.
- O. Nutrition education shall be provided to families via handouts, newsletters, postings on the website, presentations, and workshops.

Nutrition Promotion

~~All foods available to students in District programs, other than the food service program, shall be served with consideration for promoting student health and well-being.~~

(X) The District is committed to providing a school environment that promotes students to practice healthy eating and physical activity. Students shall receive consistent nutrition messages that promote health throughout schools, classrooms, cafeterias, and school media.

Physical Activity

A. Physical Education

- A. A sequential, comprehensive physical education program shall be provided for students in K-12 in accordance with the physical education academic content standards and benchmarks adopted by the State.
- B. The sequential, comprehensive physical education curriculum shall provide students with opportunities to learn, practice, and be assessed on developmentally appropriate knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to engage in lifelong, health-enhancing physical activity.
- C. Planned instruction in physical education shall be sufficient for students to achieve a proficient level with regard to the standards and benchmarks adopted by the State.
- D. All-District high school students are required to receive at least 1.5 credits of physical education prior to graduation unless the District allows for the substitution of 0.5 credit per Policy 5460.
- E. Planned instruction in physical education shall promote participation in physical activity outside the regular school day.
- F. The physical education curriculum shall provide sequential instruction related to the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to participate in lifelong, health-enhancing physical activity.
- G. Physical education classes shall provide students with opportunities to learn, practice, and be assessed on developmentally appropriate knowledge and attitudes necessary to engage in lifelong, health-enhancing physical activity.
- H. The sequential, comprehensive physical education curriculum shall stress the importance of remaining physically active for life.
- I. The K-12 program shall include instruction in physical education as well as opportunities to participate in competitive and non-competitive team sports to encourage lifelong physical activity.
- J. Planned instruction in physical education shall require students to be engaged in moderate to vigorous physical activity for at least fifty percent (50%) of scheduled class time.
- K. Teachers properly certificated/licensed in the subject area of physical education shall provide all instruction in physical education.
- L. Professional development opportunities should focus on the physical education content area.
- M. In health education classes, the District shall include topics of physical activity, including: the physical, psychological, or social benefits of physical activity; how physical activity can contribute to a healthy weight; how physical activity can contribute to the academic learning process; how an inactive lifestyle contributes to chronic disease; and decreasing sedentary activities.
- N. Planned instruction in physical education shall teach cooperation, fair play, and responsible participation.
- O. Planned instruction in physical education shall meet the needs of all students, including those who are not athletically gifted.
- P. Planned instruction in physical education shall be presented in an environment free of embarrassment, humiliation, shaming, taunting, bullying, or harassment of any kind.
- Q. Planned instruction in physical education shall include cooperative as well as competitive games.
- R. Planned instruction in physical education shall take into account gender and cultural differences.

Physical Activity

1. **The District shall provide students with age and grade-appropriate opportunities to engage in physical activity.**
2. Physical activity should not be employed as a form of discipline or punishment.
3. Schools shall encourage families to provide physical activity outside the regular school day, such as outdoor play at home, participation in sports sponsored by community agencies or organizations, and in lifelong physical activities like bowling, swimming, or tennis.
4. All students in grades K-5 shall be provided with a daily recess period at least twenty (20) minutes in duration. Recess shall not be used as a reward or punishment.
5. **The school shall provide information to families to encourage and assist them in their efforts to incorporate physical activity into their children's daily lives.**
6. All students in grades 6 - 12 shall have the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities and intramural programs that emphasize physical activity.
7. All students in grades 6 -12 shall have the opportunity to participate in interscholastic sports programs

Other School-Based Strategies for Wellness

- A. Students, parents, and other community members shall have access to, and be encouraged to use, the school's outdoor physical activity facilities outside the normal school day.
- B. The school may provide opportunities for staff, parents, and other community members to model healthy eating habits by dining with students in the school dining areas.
- C. The schools may demonstrate support for the health of all students by hosting health clinics and screenings and encouraging parents to enroll their eligible children in Medicaid or in other children's health insurance programs for which they may qualify.

Additional Strategies for Consideration

- A. The schools may use environmentally friendly practices, such as the use of locally grown foods and non-disposable tableware and dishes.
- B. The school may provide opportunities for staff, parents, and other community members to model healthy eating habits by dining with students in the school dining areas.
- C. The schools may demonstrate support for the health of all students by hosting health clinics and screenings and encouraging parents to enroll their eligible children in Medicaid or in other children's health insurance programs for which they may qualify.
- D. The schools may use environmentally friendly practices, such as the use of locally grown foods and non-disposable tableware and dishes, schools in our system utilize electronic identification and payment systems, therefore, eliminating any stigma or identification of students eligible to receive free and/or reduced meals.

Furthermore, with the objectives of enhancing student health and well being, and reducing childhood obesity, the following guidelines are established:

- A. In accordance with Policy 8500, entitled Food Service, the food service program shall comply with Federal and State regulations pertaining to the selection, preparation, consumption, and disposal of food and beverages as well as to the fiscal management of the program.
- B. As set forth in Policy 8531, entitled Free and Reduced Price Meals, the guidelines for reimbursable school meals are not less restrictive than the guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

All foods available on campus during the school day shall comply with the current USDA nutrition guidelines, including competitive foods that are available to students a la carte in the dining area, as classroom snacks, from vending machines, for classroom parties, or at holiday celebrations.

- C. The school food service program may involve students and/or staff in the selection of competitive food items to be sold in the schools
- D. **The food service program will provide all students affordable access to the varied and nutritious foods they need to be healthy and to learn well, regardless of unpaid meal balances without stigma.**

Monitoring and Evaluation

The Wellness Committee shall evaluate compliance with the Wellness Policy no less than once every three years. The assessment will include the extent to which each school is in compliance with the policy and how the policy compares to a model policy, as established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The District shall notify school staff, students, and households/families of the availability of the wellness report via newsletters and website postings. The report will be made available on the District website.

Public Notice

The District Administrator shall be responsible for informing the public, including parents, students, and community members, on the content and implementation of this policy. In order to inform the public, the District Administrator shall post the wellness policy on the District's website, including the assessment of the implementation of the policy prepared by the District.

Record Retention

The District Administrator shall require that the District retains documentation pertaining to the development, review, evaluation, and update of the policy, including:

- A. copy of the current policy;
- B. documentation pertaining to the most recent assessment of implementation of wellness initiatives identified in the policy;
- C. documentation of efforts to publicize the policy;
- D. documentation of efforts to review and update the policy, including identification of the participating and invited stakeholders.

~~Review of this policy shall occur every three (3) years, by a committee appointed by the Board, consisting of a representative(s) of the Board, the administration, the food service provider, the parents, the students, and the public. The committee shall provide the Board with review of the performance of the programs and any recommended changes to this policy.~~

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 42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.

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