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AR 5040 STUDENT NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

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PLANNING AND PERIODIC REVIEW; REPORTING

The superintendent or designee will provide an annual report to the School Board detailing progress toward reaching nutrition and physical activity goals and compliance with all physical education, physical activity and nutrition policies. Barriers to compliance, where and when they are encountered will be detailed in the annual report. A brief description of planning processes, including entities engaged in planning, will also be provided at that time.

NUTRITION

Schools will provide students with access to a variety of affordable, nutritious and appealing foods that meet the health and nutrition needs of students; will accommodate, as much as possible, the religious, ethnic, and cultural diversity of the student body in meal planning; and will provide clean, safe and pleasant settings and adequate time for students to eat.

Traditional cultural foods may be exempted from the nutritional requirements when offered free of charge and for educational purposes. Traditional cultural foods offered for sale or as a part of the school breakfast or lunch program must meet nutritional requirements.

~~See Exhibit 3 for more information on traditional cultural foods in schools.~~

Nutrition Guidelines:

All foods and beverages provided through the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs shall meet nutritional requirements of the National School Lunch Act. To the extent practicable, all schools in the district will participate in available federal school meal programs.

All other foods and beverages made available on school campus (including, but not limited to vending, franchise vendors, concessions, a la carte, student stores, classroom parties and fundraising) during the school day, between the hours of 12:00 AM and 30 minutes after the conclusion of the instructional day, shall meet nutritional requirements of the National School Lunch Act, Nutrition Standards for All Foods Sold in Schools, also known as Smart Snacks in School. For the purpose of this policy, the school campus is defined as all property under the jurisdiction of the school district that is accessible to students.

Note: See Exhibit 2 for more information on these federal regulations.

Nutrition and Dining Environment Goals

- (a) Schools shall provide enough space and serving areas to ensure all students have access to school meals with minimum wait time.
- (b) Schools shall encourage and facilitate access to handwashing before and after meals.
- (c) Schools shall provide adequate time for students to enjoy eating healthy foods with friends in school; a minimum of 20 minutes of eating time, after being served, for lunch and 10 minutes for breakfast.
- (d) The school district shall work to provide opportunities for on-going professional training and development for food service staff and teachers in the areas of nutrition and physical education.
- (e) The district supports and encourages the creation of school gardens and integrated food system education that provides hands-on learning experiences linking the cafeteria with the classroom and core curriculum, such as math, science and language arts.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Note: While federal law does not require the language in the following sections on Physical Education and Physical Activity, Districts *must* have physical activity goals. The following optional language meets those requirements.

Student achievement shall be assessed based on physical education standards, and a written physical education grade shall be reported for students according to the grading schedule of the district. A fitness assessment shall be performed using a valid and reliable tool and used to track student progress. Physical education classes shall have a pupil-teacher ratio comparable to that in the core classes. Waivers, exemptions, substitutions, and/or pass-fail options for physical education are discouraged. Accommodations will be made for those with medical, cultural, or religious considerations. To the extent practicable:

- (a) Physical education shall be taught by a certified/endorsed physical education teacher.
- (b) Physical education teachers shall receive annual professional development specific to physical education content.
- (c) Physical education equipment shall be age- appropriate, inviting, and available in sufficient quantities for all students to be able to participate. Equipment shall be inspected regularly for safety and replaced when needed.
- (d) At least 50% of physical education class time should be spent in moderate to

vigorous physical activity.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Schools shall strive to allow students the opportunity for moderate physical activity each day to include time before, during, and after school.

Physical Activity Goals

The primary goals for physical activity are to: build knowledge and skills through physical education (PE) programs that enable all students to participate in a variety of lifetime physical activities; promote safe and appropriate physical activity opportunities for all students; increase the amount of movement for students throughout the school day, while decreasing sedentary time; and promote a physically active lifestyle for all community members, including students, staff, and families. To the extent practicable:

- (a) Schools shall encourage families to support their children's participation in physical activity, to be physically active role models, and to include physical activity in family events.
- (b) Schools shall provide adequate training to enable teachers, and other school staff to promote enjoyable, lifelong physical activity among students.
- (c) Schools shall encourage, promote and conduct physical activities that involve families, students, school staff and the community, including safe walking or biking to school.

OTHER SCHOOL-BASED ACTIVITIES

The primary goal for other school-based activities is to create a total school environment that is conducive to student well-being. This includes, but is not limited to the following:

Communication Goals

- (a) The school district shall encourage and provide opportunities for parents, staff, teachers, school administrators, students, nutrition service professionals and community members to serve as role models in practicing healthy eating and being physically active, both in the school environment and at home.
- (b) The district, to the extent possible, shall provide information and outreach materials about community food programs and other Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) programs such as Food Stamps, the Child Nutrition Program, and Women, Infants and Children (WIC) to students and parents.
- (c) Schools shall seek to limit commercial influence and exposure to advertising as it relates to nutrition, wellness and physical activity, consistent with Board policy and federal regulation.

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