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Local Wellness Program

The Board recognizes that childhood obesity has become an epidemic in Oregon as well as throughout the nation. Research indicates that obesity and subsequent many diseases associated with obesity are largely preventable through diet and regular physical activity. Additional research indicated that Hhealthy eating patterns and increased physical activity are essential for students to achieve their academic potential, full physical and mental growth and lifelong health and well-being.

To help ensure students possess the knowledge and skills necessary to make healthy choices for a lifetime, the superintendent shall prepare and implement a comprehensive district nutrition program consistent with state and federal requirements for districts sponsoring the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and/or the School Breakfast Program (SBP).

The program shall reflect the Board's commitment to providing:

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- 1. Adequate time for instruction to promote healthy eating through nutrition education;
- 2. Serving healthy and appealing foods at district schools:
- 3. Developing food-use guidelines for staff;
- 4. Establishing liaisons with nutrition service providers, as appropriate;
- 5. Encouragement of input from staff, students, parents, the public, representatives of the school food authority and public health professionals;
- -The superintendent will develop administrative regulations as necessary to implement the goals of this policy throughout the district.

Nutrition Promotion and Nutrition Education

Nutrition promotion supports the integration of nutrition education throughout the school environment. Nutrition education topics shall be integrated within the sequential, comprehensive health education program taught at every grade level, prekindergarten through grade 12, and coordinated with the district's nutrition and food services operation.

Nutrition Guidelines

It is the intent of the Board that district schools take a proactive effort to in encourageing students to make nutritious food choices.

All food and beverage items sold to students in a K-12 public school as part of the regular or extended school day shall meet the minimum state and federal standards. Exceptions to this requirement include items that are part of the USDA National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program. Other exceptions are foods and beverages provided in the following instances:

- 1. When the school is the site of school-related events or events for which parents and other adults are a significant part of an audience; or
- 2. The sale of food or beverage items before, during or after a sporting event, interscholastic activity, a play, band or choir concert.

Although the Board believes that the district's nutrition and food services operation should be financially self-supporting, it recognizes that the nutrition program is an essential educational and support activity. Therefore, budget neutrality or profit generation must not take precedence over the nutrition needs of its students. The Board also recognizes that an efficient, well managed Nutrition program that provides a variety of quality foods is the most effective means of ensuring a self-supporting program. In compliance with federal law, the district's NSLP and SBP shall be nonprofit. Nutrition services should strive to carry a fund balance of above 45 days operating expenses and not to exceed 90-days operating expenses.

The superintendent is directed to develop administrative regulations to implement this policy that address all food and beverage items sold and/or served to students in district schools, including provisions for staff development, family and community involvement and program evaluation. These food and beverage items include competitive foods, snacks and beverages sold from vending machines and school stores, and similar food and beverage items from fund-raising activities and refreshments that are made available at school parties, celebrations and meetings.

Physical Activity

The Board realizes that a quality physical education program is an essential component for all students to learn about and participate in physical activity.

- 6. Physical activity should be included in a school's daily education program from grades pre-K through 12.
- 7. Physical activity should include regular instructional physical education as well as co-curricular activities, and recess.
- 8. The district will develop and assess student performance standards in order to meet the Oregon Department of Education's physical education content standards and state law.

Every public school student in kindergarten through grade 8 shall participate in physical education for the entire school year. Students in kindergarten through grade 5 shall participate for a least 150 minutes during each school week and students in grades 6 through 8 for at least 225 minutes per school week. At least 50 percent of the weekly physical education class time shall be devoted to actual physical activity. Instruction, provided by adequately prepared teachers, will meet the state adopted academic content standards for physical education, ORS 329.045. Teachers of physical education shall regularly participate in professional development activities.

Students with disabilities shall have suitably adapted physical education incorporated as part of the individualized education program (IEP) developed for the student under ORS 343.151. A student who does not have an IEP but has chronic health problems, other disabling conditions or other special needs that preclude them from participating in regular physical education instruction, shall have suitably adapted

physical education incorporated as part of an individualized health plan developed for the student by the district or public charter school.¹

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Reimbursable School Meals

The district may enter into an agreement with the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to operate reimbursable school meal programs. The superintendent will develop administrative regulations as necessary to implement this policy and meet the requirements of state and federal law. These guidelines shall not be less restrictive than regulations and guidance issued by the Secretary of Agriculture pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of section 10 of the Child Nutrition Act (42 U.S.C. 1779) and section 9(f)(1) and 17(a) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(f)(1), 1766(a)(0).

Other School-Based Activities

The district will promote district and community based activities that foster healthy eating and create environments that promote physical activity. Families and the community will be encouraged to provide healthy food choices in all situations where food is served. Educational workshops, screenings and literature related to healthy food choices and physical activity may be offered to families

Evaluation of the Local Wellness Policy

The Board will develop, review and yearly update this policy with input from involve staff (including but not limited to physical education and school health professionals), parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, public health professionals, school administrators and the public in the development, implementation and annual review and update of this policy. In an effort to measure the implementation of this policy the Board designates the superintendent as the person who will be responsible for ensuring the district each school meets the goals outlined in this policy. The district will make available to the public annually, an assessment of the implementation, including the extent to which the schools are in compliance with policy, how the policy compares to model policy and a description of the progress being made in attaining the goals of this policy.

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¹HB 3141 (effective 2017-2018 school year)

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 329.496 OAR 581-051-0100 OAR 581-051-0310
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Cross Reference(s):

EFAA - District Nutrition and Food Services EFAH - Child Nutrition - Collection Procedures and Accountability System EFAL - Child Nutrition - Second Meals EFD - Food Preparation