

Oregon School Boards Association Selected Sample Policy

Code: EFA
Adopted:

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 many diseases associated with obesity are largely preventable through diet and regular physical activity. Additional research indicated that healthy 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 adequate time for instruction to promote healthy eating through nutrition education, serving healthy and appealing foods at district schools, developing food-use guidelines for staff and establishing liaisons with nutrition service providers, as appropriate. The input of staff (including but not limited to, physical education and school health professionals), students, parents, the public, representatives of the school food authority and public health professionals will be encouraged. The superintendent [or designee] will develop [administrative regulations] [guidelines] 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 encourage students to make nutritious food choices. All food and beverage items (except those as part of the United States Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program or at times when the school is being used for school related events or non school related events for which parents and other adults are a significant part of an audience or are selling food or beverage items before, during, or after the event such as sporting event, interscholastic activity, a play, band or choir concert), sold in a K-12 public school as part of the regular or extended school day shall meet minimum standards as set forth in state law.

Although the Board believes that the district's nutrition and food services operation should be financially self-supporting, it recognizes, however, 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. In compliance with federal law, the district's NSLP [and SBP] shall be nonprofit.

The superintendent is directed to develop administrative regulations to implement this policy, including such provisions as may be necessary to address all food and beverages sold and/or served to students at school (i.e., competitive foods, snacks and beverages sold from vending machines, school stores, and fund-raising activities and refreshments that are made available at school parties, celebrations and meetings), including provisions for staff development, family and community involvement and program evaluation.

Physical [Education/]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. [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 developed for the student under ORS343.151. 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

Physical activity should be included in a school's daily education program from grades pre-K through 12. Physical activity should include regular instructional physical education as well as co-curricular activities, and recess. The district will develop and assess student performance standards [and program minute requirements]¹ in order to meet the Oregon Department of Education's physical education content standards [and state law]¹.

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).

¹HB 3141 (effective 2017-2018 school year)

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 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 periodic review and yearly update of this policy. [The Board shall establish a Wellness Advisory Committee to advise the district in the creation of the local wellness policy. The policy will be reviewed every [1, 2, or 3 years]. In an effort to measure the implementation of this policy the Board designates the [superintendent, district principals] as the [person, people] who will be responsible for ensuring the district and each school meets the goals outlined in this policy. The district will make available to the public 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.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

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National School Lunch Program, 7 C.F.R. Part 210 (2006).

School Breakfast Program, 7 C.F.R. Part 220 (2006).

Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 § 204, 42 U.S.C. § 1751 (2006).

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, Public Law 111-296 Section 204