

WELLNESS

~~The District shall follow nutrition guidelines that advance student health and reduce childhood obesity and shall promote the general wellness of all students through nutrition education, physical activity, and other school-based activities.~~ In order to advance student health, reduce childhood obesity, and promote the general wellness of all students, the District shall establish a local school wellness policy in accordance with the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 and the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 as required for local educational agencies that receive funding for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child Nutrition Programs.

DEVELOPMENT OF
GUIDELINES AND
GOALS

~~The District shall develop nutrition guidelines and wellness goals in consultation with the local school health advisory council and with involvement from representatives of the student body, school food service, school administration, the Board, parents, and the public. [See BDF and EHAA]~~ The District shall develop nutritional guidelines and wellness goals in consultation with the local School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) and with involvement from representatives of the student body, school nutrition department, school administration, physical education teachers, school health professionals, the board, parents, and the public. [See BDF and EHAA]

NUTRITION
GUIDELINES

The District shall ensure that nutrition guidelines for reimbursable school meals shall be at least as restrictive as federal regulations and guidance and that all foods available on each campus are in accordance with the Texas Public School Nutrition Policy. [See CO]

In addition to legal requirements, the District shall:

- ~~1. Establish guidelines for food and beverages at classroom parties or school celebrations [see CO];~~ Food and beverages served on school campuses will meet guidelines as established by the Texas Public School Nutrition Policy with the exception of classroom birthday parties and the campus' pre-selected three (3) exempt days.
- ~~2. Provide teachers with education and guidelines on the use of food as a reward in the classroom;~~ Food, or withholding of food, shall not be used as a punishment or reward in any school-based setting.

3. ~~Establish guidelines for school-sponsored fund-raising activities or school stores that involve serving or selling food;~~ Fundraising sponsored by the school or school groups shall be limited to non-food sales – and
4. ~~Establish guidelines for food and beverage vending machines [See CO].~~ Food and beverage vending machines located in school dining areas will be considered as additional points of sale for the School Nutrition department and will comply with the Texas Public School Nutrition Policy.

WELLNESS GOALS:
NUTRITION
EDUCATION

The District shall implement, in accordance with law, a coordinated health program with a nutrition education component [see EHAB and EHAC] and shall use health course curriculum that emphasizes the importance of proper nutrition [see EHAA].

In addition, the District establishes the following goals for nutrition education:

1. ~~Students will receive nutrition education that fosters the adoption and maintenance of healthy eating behaviors.~~ Students will receive scientifically-based nutrition education that fosters the adoption and maintenance of healthy eating behaviors.
2. Nutrition education will be a District-wide priority and will be integrated into other areas of the curriculum, as appropriate.
3. ~~Staff responsible for nutrition education will be adequately prepared and will participate in professional development activities to effectively deliver the program as planned.~~ School Nutrition department staff will serve as a resource to staff responsible for nutrition education.
4. ~~The food service staff, teachers, and other school personnel will coordinate the promotion of nutrition messages in the cafeteria, the classroom, and other appropriate settings.~~
5. ~~Educational nutrition information will be shared with families and the general public to positively influence the health of students and community members.~~

WELLNESS GOALS:
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

The District shall implement, in accordance with law, a coordinated health program with physical education and physical activity components and shall offer at least the required amount of physical activity for all grades [see BDF, EHAB, and EHAC].

In addition, the District establishes the following goals for physical activity:

1. The District will provide an environment that fosters safe and enjoyable fitness activities for all students, including those who are not participating in competitive sports.
2. Physical education classes will regularly emphasize moderate to vigorous activity.
3. Teachers will be encouraged to integrate physical activity into the academic curriculum where appropriate. Physical activity, or with-holding of physical activity, will not be used as a punishment or reward in any school-based setting.
4. District employees will be encouraged to participate in enjoyable, life-long physical activity for themselves and students.
5. The District will encourage parents to support their children's participation, to be active role models, and to include physical activity in family events.
6. The District will encourage students, parents, staff, and community members to use the District's recreational facilities that are available outside of the school day. [See GKD]

WELLNESS GOALS:
SCHOOL-BASED
ACTIVITIES

The District establishes the following goals to create an environment conducive to healthful eating and physical activity and to express a consistent wellness message through other school-based activities:

1. Sufficient time will be allowed for students to eat meals in lunchroom facilities that are clean, safe, and comfortable.
2. To the extent possible, elementary schools will make every effort to schedule recess periods prior to the scheduled lunch period."
3. Wellness for students and their families will be promoted at suitable school activities such as annual health fairs that are age-appropriate. The District will also make available vaccines for children to prevent communicable diseases and classroom instruction on subjects such as the importance of hand washing.
4. Employee wellness education and involvement will be promoted at suitable school activities such as annual flu shot campaigns, follow-up on blood exposures, health professionals speaking on health topics, and health fairs for staff.

WELLNESS GOALS:

NUTRITION
PROMOTION

The District establishes the following goals to promote well-ness to students, staff, families, and the community.

1. The School Nutrition staff, teachers, and other school personnel will coordinate the promotion of nutrition messages in the cafeteria, the classroom, and other appropriate settings.
2. Educational nutrition information will be shared with families and the general public to positively influence the health of students and community members.

~~IMPLEMENTATION~~

~~The curriculum department shall oversee the implementation of this policy and shall develop administrative procedures for periodically measuring the implementation of the wellness policy.~~

RESPONSIBILITY &
IMPLEMENTATION

The Curriculum Department shall oversee the implementation of this policy and shall carry out administrative procedures for periodically measuring the implementation of the wellness policy and sharing the findings with the public.

In addition, the District establishes the following goals for responsibility and implementation:

1. The Curriculum Department shall designate one or more administrative or school officials to ensure each school's compliance with the Local Wellness Policy.
2. The Curriculum Department shall be responsible for informing and updating the public regarding the content and implementation of the Local Wellness Policy, including the extent to which schools are in compliance with the LWP, the extent to which the LWP compares to model LWP, and to describe the progress made in attaining goals of the LWP.

PERIODIC REVIEW
AND UPDATE

The District shall periodically review and update the Local School Wellness Policy with participation from the local School Health Advisory Council (SHAC), representatives of the student body, school nutrition department, school administration, physical education teachers, school health professionals, the board, parents, and the public.