

STUDENT WELLNESS

The Governing Board recognizes the link between student health and learning and desires to provide a comprehensive program promoting healthy eating and physical activity for district students. The Superintendent or designee shall coordinate and align district efforts to support student wellness through health education, physical education and activity, health services, nutrition services, psychological and counseling services, and a safe and healthy school environment. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies for promoting staff wellness and for involving parents/guardians and the community in reinforcing students' understanding and appreciation of the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

(cf. 1400 – Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)

(cf. 3513.3 – Tobacco-Free Schools)

(cf. 3514 – Environmental Safety)

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

(cf. 5131.62 – Tobacco)

(cf. 5131.63 – Steroids)

(cf. 5141 – Health Care and Emergencies)

(cf. 5141.22 – Infectious Diseases)

(cf. 5141.3 – Health Examinations)

(cf. 5141.31 – Immunizations)

(cf. 5141.32 – Health Screening for School Entry)

(cf. 6142.1 – Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education)

(cf. 6164.2 – Guidance/Counseling Services)

School Health Council/Committee

The Superintendent or designee shall encourage parents/guardians, students, food service employees, physical education teachers, school health professionals, Board members, school administrators, and members of the public to participate in the development, implementation, periodic review, and update of the district's student wellness policy. (42 USC 1758b; 7 CFR 210.31)

(cf. 1220 – Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 9140 – Board Representatives)

The school health council or committee shall advise the District on health-related issues, activities, policies, and programs. At the discretion of the Superintendent or designee, the council's charges may include planning and implementation of activities to promote health within the school or community.

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Nutrition Education and Physical Activity Goals

The Board shall adopt specific goals for nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, and other school-based activities that promote student wellness. In developing such goals, the Board shall review and consider evidence-based strategies and techniques. (42 USC 1758b; 7 CFR 210.31)

(cf. 0000 – Vision)

(cf. 0200 – Goals for the School District)

The district's nutrition education and physical education programs shall be based on research, shall be consistent with the expectations established in the state's curriculum frameworks and content standards, and shall be designed to build the skills and knowledge that all students need to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

(cf. 6011 – Academic Standards)

(cf. 6142.7 – Physical Education and Activity)

(cf. 6142.8 – Comprehensive Health Education)

(cf. 6143 – Courses of Study)

The nutrition education program shall include, but is not limited to, information about the benefits of healthy eating for learning, disease prevention, weight management, and oral health. Nutrition education shall be provided as part of the health education program and, as appropriate, shall be integrated into other academic subjects in the regular educational program, before- and after-school programs and summer learning programs.

(cf. 6177 – Summer Learning Programs)

All students shall be provided opportunities to be physically active on a regular basis. Opportunities for moderate to vigorous physical activity shall be provided through physical education and recess and may also be provided through school athletic programs, extracurricular programs, before- and after-school programs, summer learning programs and other structured and unstructured activities.

(cf. 6145 – Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6145.2 – Athletic Competition)

The Board may enter into a joint use agreement or memorandum of understanding to make district facilities or grounds available for recreational or sports activities outside the school day and/or to use community facilities to expand students' access to opportunity for physical activity.

(cf. 1330 – Joint Use Agreements)

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Professional development may be regularly offered to the nutrition program director, managers, and staff, as well as health education teachers, physical education teachers, coaches, activity supervisors, and other staff as appropriate to enhance their knowledge and skills related to student health and wellness.

(cf. 4131/4231/4331 – Staff Development)

In order to ensure that students have access to comprehensive health services, the district may provide access to health services at or near district schools and/or may provide referrals to community resources.

The Board recognizes that a safe, positive school environment is also conducive to students' physical and mental health and thus prohibits bullying and harassment of all students, including bullying on the basis of weight or health condition.

(cf. 5131.2 – Bullying)

(cf. 5145.3 – Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

The Superintendent or designees shall encourage staff to serve as positive role models for healthy eating and physical fitness. He/she shall promote work-site wellness programs and may provide opportunities for regular physical activity among employees.

Nutrition Guidelines for Foods Available at School

For all foods and beverages available on each campus during the school day, the district shall adopt nutrition guidelines which are consistent with 42 USC 1758, 1766, 1773, and 1779 and federal regulations and which support the objectives of promoting student health and reducing childhood obesity. (42 USC 1758b)

In order to maximize the district's ability to provide nutritious meals and snacks, all district schools shall participate in available federal school nutrition programs, including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs and after-school snack programs, to the extent possible. When approved by the California Department of Education, the district may sponsor a summer meal program.

(cf. 3550 – Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)

(cf. 3553 – Free and Reduced Price Meals)

(cf. 5141.27 – Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)

(cf. 5148 – Child Care and Development)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide access to free, potable water in the food service area during meal times in accordance with Education Code 38086 and 42 USC 1758, and shall encourage students' consumption of water by educating them about the health benefits of water.

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The Board believes that all foods and beverages sold to students during the school day at district schools, including those available outside the district's reimbursable food services program, should support the health curriculum and promote optimal health. Nutrition standards adopted by the district for foods and beverages sold through student stores, vending machines, or other venues shall meet or exceed state and federal nutrition standards.

(cf. 3312 – Contracts)

(cf. 3554 – Other Food Sales)

The Superintendent or designee shall encourage school organizations to use healthy food items or non-food items for fundraising purposes.

He/she also shall encourage school staff to avoid the use of non-nutritious foods as a reward for students' academic performance, accomplishments, or classroom behavior.

School staff shall encourage parents/guardians or other volunteers to support the district's nutrition education program by considering nutritional quality when selecting any snacks which they may donate for occasional class parties. Class parties or celebrations shall be held after the lunch period when possible.

To reinforce the district's nutrition education program, the Board prohibits the marketing and advertising of foods and beverages that do not meet nutrition standards for the sale of foods and beverages on campus during the school day. (Education Code 49431.9; 7 CFR 210.31)

(cf. 1325 – Advertising and Promotion)

Program Implementation and Evaluation

The Director of Nutrition Services will be responsible for implementation and assessment of the districts wellness policy. Assessment of this policy will occur at least once every three years. (42 USC 1758b; 7 CFR 210.31)

The assessment shall include the extent to which district schools are in compliance with this policy, the extent to which this policy compares to model wellness policies available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and a description of the progress made in attaining the goals of the wellness policy. (42 USC 1758b)

The Superintendent or designee shall invite feedback on district and school wellness activities from food service personnel, school administrators, the wellness council, parents/guardians, students, teachers, before- and after-school program staff, and/or other appropriate persons.

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The Superintendent or designee shall establish indicators that will be used to measure the implementation and effectiveness of the district activities related to school wellness. Such indicators may include, but not be limited to:

1. Descriptions of the district's nutrition Education, physical education, and health education curricula and the extent to which they align with the state academic content standards and legal requirements.
2. An analysis of the nutrition content of school meals and snacks served in all district programs, base on a sample of menus and production records.
3. Student participation rates in all school meal and/or snack programs, including the number of students participating in the free and reduced-price meals program compared to the number of students eligible for that program.
4. Extent to which foods sold on campus outside the food services program, such as through vending machines, student stores, or fundraisers, comply with nutrition standards,
5. Results of the state's physical fitness test at applicable grade levels.
6. Number of minutes of physical education offered at each grade span, and the estimated percentage of class time spent in moderate to vigorous physical activity.
7. A description of district efforts to provide additional opportunities for physical activity outside of the physical education program.
8. A description of other district wide or school-based wellness activities offered, including the number of sites and/or student participating, as appropriate.

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As feasible, the assessment report may include a comparison of results across multiple years, a comparison of district data with county, statewide, or national data, and/or a comparison of wellness data with other student outcomes such as academic indicators or student discipline rates.

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The Superintendent or designee shall inform and update the public, including parents/guardians, students, and others in the community, about the content and implementation of this policy and assessment results. (42 USC 1758b)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall prepare and maintain the proper documentation and records needed for the administrative review of the district's wellness policy conducted by the California Department of Education (CDE).

Notifications

The Superintendent or designee shall inform the public about the content and implementation of the district's wellness policy and shall make the policy, and any updates to the policy, available the public on an annual basis. He/she shall also inform the public of the district's progress towards meeting the goals of the wellness policy, including the availability of the triennial district assessment. (Education Code 49432; 42 USC 1758b; 7 CFR 210.31)

(cf. 5145.6 – Parental Notifications)

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

33350-33354 CDE responsibilities re: physical education
 49430-49436 Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001
 49490-49494 School breakfast and lunch programs
 49500-49505 School meals
 49510-49520 Nutrition
 49530-49536 Child Nutrition Act
 49540-49546 Child care food program
 49547- 49548.3 Comprehensive nutrition services
 49550- 49561 Meals for needy students
 49565-49565.8 California Fresh Start pilot program
 49570 National School Lunch Act
 51210 Course of study, grades 1-6
 51220 Course of study, grades 7-12
 51222 Physical education
 51223 Physical education, elementary schools
 51795-51796.5 School instructional gardens
 51880-51921 Comprehensive health education

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15500-15501 Food sales by student organizations
 15510 Mandatory meals for needy students
 15530-15535 Nutrition education
 15550-15565 School lunch and breakfast programs

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1751-1769 National School lunch Program
 1751 Note Local wellness policy
 1771-1791 Child Nutrition Act

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UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1773 School Breakfast Program

1779 Rules and regulations, Child Nutrition Act

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210.1-210.31 National School Lunch Program

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Management Resources:

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Monitoring for Success: A Guide for Assessing and Strengthening Student Wellness Policies, rev. 2012

Nutrition Standards for Schools: Implications for Student Wellness, Policy Brief, rev. April 2012

Student Wellness: A healthy Food and Physical Activity Policy Resource Guide, rev. 2012

Building Healthy Communities: A School Leader's Guide to Collaboration and Community Engagement, 2009

Safe Routes to School: Program and Policy Strategies for School Districts, Policy Brief, 2009

Food Safety Requirements, Fact Sheet, October 2007

Physical Education and California Schools, Policy Brief, rev. October 2007

School-Based Marketing of Foods and Beverages: Policy Implications for School Boards, Policy Brief, March 2006

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Health Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2003

Physical Education Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade 12, 2009

CALIFORNIA PROJECT LEAN PUBLICATIONS

Policy in Action: A Guide to Implementing Your Local School Wellness Policy, October 2006

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION PUBLICATIONS

School Health Index for Physical Activity and Healthy Eating: A Self-Assessment and Planning Guide, rev. 2012

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION (NASBE) PUBLICATIONS

Fit, Healthy and Ready to Learn, 2012

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PUBLICATIONS

Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2016

Team Nutrition, Food and Nutrition Services, Changing the Scene, Improving the School Nutrition Environment: A guide to Local Action, 2000

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

Action for Healthy Kids: <http://www.actionforhealthykids.org>

California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu>

California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

California Healthy Kids Resource Center: <http://www.californiahealthykids.org>

California Project LEAN (Leaders Encouraging Activity and Nutrition):

<http://www.californiaprojectlean.org>

California School Nutrition Association: <http://www.calsna.org>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

Dairy Council of California: <http://www.dairycouncilofca.org>

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Management Resources: (Continued)

WEB SITES

National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity: <http://www.cspinet.org/nutritionpolicy/nana.html>

National Association of State Boards of Education: <http://www.nasbe.org>

School Nutrition Association: <http://www.schoolnutrition.org>

Society for Nutrition Education: <http://www.sne.org>

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Nutrition service, wellness policy:
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/Healthy/wellnesspolicy.html>

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