# **Baldwin Park USD**

## **Board Policy**

**Student Wellness** 

BP 5030

**Students** 

The Baldwin Park Unified School District 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.

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(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)
(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)
(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)
(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)
(cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)
(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)
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(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

#### Wellness Committee

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

To fulfill this requirement, the Superintendent or designee may appoint a wellness committee or other district committee whose membership shall include representatives of these groups. He/she also may invite participation of other groups or individuals, such as health educators, curriculum directors, counselors, before- and after-school program staff, health practitioners, and/or others interested in school health issues.

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(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 9140 - Board Representatives)
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The wellness committee shall advise the district on health-related issues, activities, policies, and programs. At the discretion of the Superintendent or designee, the duties of the council/committee may also include the planning, implementation, and evaluation of activities to promote health within the school or community.

Goals for Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Other Wellness Activities

The Board shall adopt goals for nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, and other school-based activities that promote student wellness. (42 USC 1758b)

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(cf. 0000 - Vision)
(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
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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.

- 1. May encourage staff to serve as positive role models for nutrition and physical activity
- 2. Offered at each grade level as part of a sequential, comprehensive, standards-based program designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to promote and protect their health
- 3. May be part of not only health education classes, but also classroom instruction in subjects such as math, science, language arts, social sciences, and elective subjects
- 4. May include enjoyable, developmentally-appropriate, culturally-relevant, participatory activities, such as contests, promotions, taste testing, farm visits, and school gardens
- 5. Promote fruits, vegetables, whole grain products, and low-fat and fat-free dairy products, healthy food preparation methods, and health-enhancing nutrition practices
- 6. May emphasize caloric balance between food intake and energy expenditure (physical activity/exercise)
- 7. May link with school meal programs, other school foods, and nutrition-related community services
- 8. May teach media literacy with an emphasis on food marketing
- 9. May include training for teachers and other staff

10. 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, summer learning programs, and school garden programs.

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(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)
(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)
(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)
(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)
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To reinforce the district's nutrition education program, the Board prohibits the marketing and advertising of non-nutritious foods and beverages through signage, vending machine fronts, logos, scoreboards, school supplies, advertisements in school publications, coupon or incentive programs, free giveaways, or other means.

The Board shall promote the use of marketing and advertising of healthy nutrition and physical activity messages such as increasing fruit and vegetable intake, increasing water intake, and exercising on a regular basis.

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(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)
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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, programs encouraging students to walk or bicycle to and from school, in-class physical activity breaks, and other structured and unstructured activities.

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(cf. 5142.2 - Safe Routes to School Program)
(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)
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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.

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(cf. 1330.1 - Joint Use Agreements)
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Professional development shall be regularly offered to health education and physical education teachers, coaches, activity supervisors, food services staff, and other staff as appropriate to enhance their health knowledge and skills.

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(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
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To encourage consistent health, nutrition and physical activity messages between home and school the Superintendent or designee may disseminate health information and/or the district's student wellness policy to parents/guardians through district or school newsletters, handouts, parent/guardian meetings, district and school web sites, district sponsored social media and other communications. Outreach to parents/guardians shall emphasize the relationship between student health and academic performance.

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(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)
(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)
(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)
(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)
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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.

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(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
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Physical Activity Opportunities and Physical Education

All students in grades K-12 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, recess, school athletics programs, extracurricular programs, before and after-school programs, and other structured and unstructured activities.

- 1. Students in grades K-6 will participate in 200 minutes of physical education every ten days. Students in grades 7-12 will participate in 400 minutes of physical education every ten days.
- 2. Physical education instruction at the secondary level includes a minimum of 400 minutes of instruction each 10 school days, all year long, including student with disabilities and special health-care needs and those in alternative education settings (Education Code 51222)
- 3. All physical education will be taught by a certified physical education teacher
- 4. Student involvement in other activities involving physical activities will not be

substituted for the meeting the physical education requirement

- 5. All high schools will offer extracurricular physical activity programs, such as physical activity clubs or intramural programs
- 6. Physical education core-content classes are provided for all students in grade 9
- 7. Physical Education Model Course 1 and 2 content, identified in the Content Standards for California Public Schools, provide the foundation for high school instruction. Students develop proficient movement skills in each area of physical education; they expand their capabilities for independent learning; and they examine practices that allow for sound decision making to enhance successful participation in movement activities
- 8. Physical Fitness performance tests are administered to all students in grade 9 by qualified staff with results reported to the CDE (Education Code 5121.0, 5122.2)

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(cf. 6142.7- Physical Education and Activity)
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(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic competition

Nutritional Guidelines for Foods Available at School

For all foods available on each campus during the school day, the district shall adopt nutritional guidelines which are consistent with 42 USC 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 and supper programs, to the extent possible. When approved by the California Department of Education, the district may sponsor a summer meal program.

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(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)
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(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

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

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide access to free, potable water during meal times in the food service area 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 and serving water in an appealing manner.

The Board believes that all foods and beverages sold to students at district schools, including

those available outside the district's food services program, should support the health curriculum and promote optimal health. Nutritional standards adopted by the district for foods and beverages provided through student stores, vending machines, or other venues shall meet or exceed state and federal nutritional standards.

When vending machines are sponsored by an employee or student organization, the Superintendent or designee shall determine how and where vending machines may be placed at school sites, district offices, or other school facilities.

(cf. 3312 - Contracts) (cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)

Fundraisers, Rewards and Celebrations

The Superintendent or designee shall encourage school organizations to use healthy food items or non-food items for fundraising purposes. The School District will make available a list of ideas for acceptable fundraising activities for at-school events during non-school hours and sports events. They shall also encourage outdoor fundraising that promotes physical activity (i.e. walk-a-thon, jog-a-thon, etc.).

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

(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)

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. Schools should limit celebrations that involve food during the school day to no more than two parties per class per year. The district will make available a list of healthy acceptable party ideas to parents and teachers.

Program Implementation and Evaluation

The Superintendent or designee shall designate one or more district or school employees, as appropriate, to ensure that each school site complies with this policy. (42 USC 1758b)

The Superintendent or designee shall assess the implementation and effectiveness of this policy at least once every three years.

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

- 1. Descriptions of the district's nutrition education, physical education, and health education curricula and the extent to which they align with state academic content standards and legal requirements
- 2. An analysis of the nutritional content of school meals and snacks served in all district programs, based 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 enrolled 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 nutritional 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 level, 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 districtwide or school-based wellness activities offered, including the number of sites and/or students participating, as appropriate
- 9. Feedback on district and school wellness activities shall be invited from food service personnel, school administrators, the wellness committee, parents/guardians, students, teachers, before- and after-school program staff, and/or other appropriate persons.
- 10. 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 and or student discipline rates.

The Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board at least once every three years and 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 assessment results shall be submitted to the Board for the purposes of evaluating policy and practice, recognizing accomplishments, and making policy adjustments as needed to focus district resources and efforts on actions that are most likely to make a positive impact on

student health and achievement.

## **Posting Requirements**

Each school shall post this policy as well as any other district policies and regulations on nutrition and physical activity in public view within all school cafeterias or in other central eating areas and will be available for review at District office for public. (Education Code 49432)

Each school shall also post a summary of nutrition and physical activity laws and regulations prepared by the California Department of Education.

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(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)
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1773 School Breakfast Program

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Legal Reference:
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49430-49434 Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001
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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
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15500-15501 Food sales by student organizations
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UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
1751-1769 National School Lunch Program, especially:
1758b Local wellness policy
1771-1791 Child Nutrition Act, especially:
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CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

210.1-210.31 National School Lunch Program

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Changing the Scene, Improving the School Nutrition Environment: A Guide to Local Action, 2000

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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 Center for Collaborative Solutions: http://www.ccscenter.org Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov Dairy Council of California: http://www.dairycouncilofca.org

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

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