

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 build a coordinated school health system that supports and reinforces health literacy through health education, physical education, health services, nutrition services, psychological and counseling services, health promotion for staff, a safe and healthy school environment, and parent/guardian and community involvement.

(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. 5141.22 – Infectious Diseases)

(cf. 5141.3 – Health Examinations)

(cf. 5141.31 – Immunizations)

(cf. 5141.32 – Kindergarten Screening)

(cf. 5142 – Safety)

(cf. 5146 – Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)

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

(cf. 6164.2 – Guidance/Counseling Services)

School Health Council/Committee

The Superintendent or designee may appoint a school health council or other committee consisting of parents/guardians, students, food service employees, District and school site administrators, Board representatives, health professionals, school nurses, health educators, physical education teachers, counselors, members of the public, and/or others interested in school health issues.

(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 goals for nutrition education, physical activity, and other school-based activities that are designed to promote student wellness in a manner that the District determines appropriate. (42 USC 1751 Note)

(cf. 0000 – Vision)

(cf. 0200 – Goals for the School District)

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

(cf. 6011 – Academic Standards)

(cf. 6143 – Courses of Study)

Nutrition education shall be provided as part of the health education program in grades K-12 and, as appropriate, shall be integrated into core academic subjects and offered through before- and after-school programs, and other structured and unstructured activities.

(cf. 6142.8 – Comprehensive Health 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 athletic programs, extracurricular programs, before- and after-school programs, and other structured and unstructured activities.

(cf. 6142.7 – Physical Education)

(cf. 6145 – Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities)

(cf. 6145.2 – Athletic Competition)

The Superintendent or designee shall encourage staff to serve as positive role models. He/she shall promote and may provide opportunities for regular physical activity among employees. Professional development shall include instructional strategies that assess health knowledge and skills and promote healthy behaviors.

(cf. 4131 – Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 – Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 – Staff Development)

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To encourage consistent health messages between the home and school environment, the Superintendent or designee may disseminate health information to parents/guardians through District or school newsletters, handouts, parent/guardian meetings, the District or school web site, and other communications. Outreach to parents/guardians shall emphasize the relationship between student health and academic performance.

(cf. 1113 – District and School Web Sites)
(cf. 6020 – Parent Involvement)

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, or other means.

(cf. 1325 – Advertising and Promotion)

Nutrition Guidelines for Foods Available at School

The Board shall adopt nutritional guidelines for all foods available on each campus during the school day, with the objectives of promoting student health and reducing childhood obesity. (42 USC 1751 Note)

The Board believes that foods and beverages available to students at District schools should support the health curriculum and promote optimal health. Nutrition standards adopted by the District for all foods and beverages sold or served to students, including foods and beverages provided through the District's food service program, student stores, vending machines, fundraisers, or other venues, shall meet or exceed state and federal nutrition standards.

(cf. 3312 – Contracts)
(cf. 3550 – Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)
(cf. 3554 – Other Food Sales)
(cf. 5148 – Child Care)
(cf. 6300 – Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

The Superintendent or designee shall encourage school organizations to use healthy food items or non-food items for fundraising purposes. School staff will avoid the use of non-nutritious foods as reward for students' academic performance, accomplishments, or classroom behavior.

(cf. 1230 – School-Connected Organizations)

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When selecting snacks for occasional class parties, school staff and parents/guardians or other volunteers will select food and/or beverage items from the District's list of approved foods on file in the Nutrition Services Office. Class parties or celebrations shall be held after the lunch period.

Guidelines for Reimbursable Meals

Foods and beverages provided through federally reimbursable school meal programs shall meet or exceed federal regulations and guidance issued pursuant to 42 USC 1758 (f)(1), 1766(a), and 1779(a) and (b), as they apply to schools. (42 USC 1751 Note)

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, to the extent possible.

(cf. 3553 – Free and Reduced Price Meals)

Program Implementation and Evaluation

The Board shall establish a plan for measuring implementation of the policy. The Superintendent shall designate at least one person within the District and at each school who is charged with the operational responsibility for ensuring that the school sites implement the District's wellness policy. (42 USC 1751 Note)

(cf. 0500 – Accountability)

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend for Board approval specific quality indicators that will be used to measure the implementation of the policy District wide and at each District school. These measures shall include, but not be limited to, student participation rates in school meal programs; any sales of non-nutritious foods and beverages in fundraisers or other venues outside the District's meal programs; results of the state's physical fitness test; an analysis of the nutritional content of meals served based on a sample of menus; student participation rates in school meal programs; any sales of non-nutritious foods and beverages in fundraisers or other venues outside of the District's meal programs; and feedback from food service personnel, school administrators, the school health council, parents/guardians, students, and other appropriate persons.

The Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board at least every two years on the implementation of this policy and any other Board policies related to nutrition and physical activity.

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Posting Requirements

Each school shall post the District's policies and regulations on nutrition and physical activity in public view within all school cafeterias or in other central eating areas. (Education Code 49432)

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

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, especially:
1751 Note Local wellness policy
1771-1791 Child Nutrition Act, including:
1773 School Breakfast Program
1779 Rules and regulations, Child Nutrition Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

210.1-210.31 National School Lunch Program
220.1-220.21 National School Breakfast Program

COURT DECISIONS

Frazer v. Dixon Unified School District, (1993) 18 Cal.App.4th 781

STUDENT WELLNESS (continued)*Management Resources:*CSBA PUBLICATIONS*Nutrition Standards for Schools: Implications for Student Wellness, Policy Brief, rev. October 2007**Food Safety Requirements, Fact Sheet, October 2007**Physical Education and California Schools, Policy Brief, rev. October 2007**Monitoring for Success: Student Wellness Policy Implementation Monitoring Report and Guide, 2007**Promoting Oral Health for California's Students: New Roles, New Opportunities for Schools, Policy Brief March 2007**Student Wellness: A Healthy Food and Physical Activity Policy Resource guide, rev. April 2006**School-Based Marketing of Foods and Beverages: Policy Implications for School Boards, Policy Brief, March 2006*CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS*Healthy Children Ready to Learn, January 2005**Health Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten through Grade Twelve, 2003**Physical Education Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten through Grade 12, 1994*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 for Elementary and Middle/High Schools, 2004**Making it Happen: School Nutrition Success Stories, 2005*NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION (NASBE) PUBLICATIONS*Fit, Healthy and Ready to Learn, 2000*U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PUBLICATIONS*Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2005**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>**National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity: <http://www.cspinet.org/nutritionpolicy/nana.html>**National Association of State Boards of Education: <http://www.nasbe.org>**National School Boards Association: <http://www.nsba.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_steps.html*

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Murrieta, California

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