

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. 3513.3 – Tobacco-free Schools)
(cf. 5131.6) – Alcohol and Other Drugs)
(cf. 5131.62) – Tobacco
(cf. 5131.63 – Steroids)
(cf. 5141 – Health Examinations)
(cf. 5141.31 – Immunizations)
(cf. 6142.1 – Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education)
(cf. 6164.2 – Guidance/Counseling Services)

School Wellness Council

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, and periodic review and update of the district's student wellness policy. (42 USC 1758b, 7 CFR 210.31)

To fulfill this requirement, the Superintendent or designee may appoint a school wellness council or other district committee and a wellness council coordinator. The council may include representatives of the groups listed above, as well as health educators, curriculum directors, counselors, before- and after-school program staff, health practitioners, and/or others interested in school health issues.

The Superintendent or designee may make available to the public and school community a list of the names, position titles and contact information of the wellness council members.

The wellness council 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 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. In developing such goals, the Board shall review and consider evidence-based strategies and techniques. (42 USC 1758b 7 CFR 210.31)

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 content standards, and designed to build the skills and knowledge that all students need to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

(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, summer learning programs, and school garden programs.

(cf. 5148.2 – Before/After School 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, programs encouraging students to walk or bicycle to and from school, in-class physical activity breaks, 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.

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

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 designee 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.

Nutritional Guidelines for All Foods Available at School

For all foods and beverages available on each campus during the school day, the district shall adopt nutritional 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. 3553 – Free and Reduced Price Meals)
(cf. 5148 – 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 reimbursable 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.

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 on campus during the school day. (Education Code 49431.9; 7 CFR 210.31)

(cf. 1325 – Advertising and Promotion)

Program Implementation and Evaluation

The Superintendent designates the individual(s) identified below as the individual(s) responsible for ensuring that each school site complies with this policy. (42 USC 1758b; 7 CFR 210.31)

Title or Position: Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Development

Phone Number: 562-997-8025

Title or Position: Health Curriculum Leader

Phone Number: 562-997-0632

(cf. 0500 – Accountability)

The Superintendent or designee shall assess the implementation and effectiveness of this policy 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.

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 and beverages sold on campus outside the food services program, such as through vending machines, student stores, or fundraisers, comply with nutrition standards

5. Extent to which other foods and beverages that are available on campus during the school day, such as foods and beverages for classroom parties, school celebrations, and rewards/incentives, comply with nutrition standards
6. Results of the state's physical fitness test at applicable grade levels
7. 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
8. A description of district efforts to provide additional opportunities for physical activity outside of the physical education program
9. A description of other districtwide or school-based wellness activities offered, including the number of sites and/or students participating, as appropriate

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.

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) every three years.

The assessment results of both the district and state evaluations 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.

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 to 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)

The Superintendent or designee shall distribute this information through the most effective methods of communication, including district or school newsletters, handouts, parent/guardian meetings, district and school web sites, and other communications. Outreach to parents/guardians shall emphasize the relationship between student health and wellness and academic performance.

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

Each school may post a summary of nutrition and physical activity laws and regulations prepared by the CDE. (Education Code 49432)

Records

The Superintendent or designee shall retain records that document compliance with 7 CFR 210.31 including, but not limited to, the written student wellness policy, documentation of the triennial assessment of the wellness for each school site, and documentation demonstrating compliance with the community involvement requirements, including requirements to make the policy and assessment results available to the public. (7 CFR 210.31)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33350-33354 CDE responsibilities re: physical education
 38086. Free fresh drinking water
 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
 51210.1-51210.2. Physical education, grades 1-6
 51210.4 Nutrition Education
 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
 1751-1769j National School Lunch Program, especially:
 1758b Local wellness policy
 1771-17943 Child Nutrition Act, especially:
 1773 School Breakfast Program
 1779 Rules and regulations, Child Nutrition Act
 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7
 210.1-210.343 National School Lunch Program, especially
 210.31 Wellness Policy
 220.1-220.232 National School Breakfast Program

COURT DECISIONS

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Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Increasing Access to Drinking Water in Schools, Policy Brief, March 2013
 Integrating Physical Activity in the School Day, Governance Brief, April 2016
 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
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 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
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Health Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2003
CALIFORNIA PROJECT LEAN PUBLICATIONS
Policy in Action: A Guide to Implementing Your Local School Wellness Policy, October 2006
CENTER FOR COLLABORATIVE SOLUTIONS
Changing Lives, Saving Lives: A Step-by-Step Guide to Developing Exemplary Practices in Healthy Eating, Physical and Food Security in Afterschool Programs, January 2015
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION PUBLICATIONS
School Health Index for Physical Activity and Healthy Eating: A Self-Assessment and Planning Guide, rev. 2012
FEDERAL REGISTER
Rules and Regulations, July 29, 2016, Vol. 81, Number 146, pages 50151-50170
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS
Fit, Healthy and Ready to Learn, rev. 2012
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PUBLICATIONS
Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2016
WEB SITES
CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
Action for Healthy Kids: <http://www.actionforhealthykids.org>
Alliance for a Healthier Generation: <http://www.healthiergeneration.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>
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>
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>
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Healthy Meals Resource System: <http://healthymeals.fns.usda.gov>

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