

**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/Principal 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/Principal 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. 5131.61 - 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)*

*(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*

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

*(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)*

**School Wellness Council**

The Superintendent/Principal 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 210.30)

The Superintendent/Principal 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/Principal 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.

**STUDENT WELLNESS (continued)****Goals for Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Other Wellness Activities**

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 210.30)

*(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, summer learning programs, and school garden programs.

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

*(cf. 5142.2 - Safe Routes to School Program)*

*(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. 1330.1 - 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 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 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 the school 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/Principal 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.

**Nutrition Guidelines for All 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, the district school 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. 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)*

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The Superintendent/Principal 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 and by serving water in an appealing manner.

The Board believes that all foods and beverages sold to students at school, 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 provided 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/Principal 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 Superintendent/Principal designates the individual(s) identified below as the individual(s) responsible for ensuring that the school complies with the district's wellness policy. (42 USC 1758b; 7 CFR 210.31)

Superintendent  
(209) 563-6414

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

*(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)*

The Superintendent/Principal or designee shall assess the implementation and effectiveness of this policy at least once every three years. (42 USC 1758b; 7 CFR 210.31)

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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/Principal 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.

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/Principal 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/Principal 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)*

**Records**

The Superintendent/Principal 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 policy, 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: (see next page)*

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### Legal Reference:

#### EDUCATION CODE

33350-33354 CDE responsibilities re: physical education  
38086 Free fresh drinking water  
49430-49434 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  
49550-49562 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  
51795-51798 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  
1771-1793 Child Nutrition Act, especially:  
1773 School Breakfast Program  
1779 Rules and regulations, Child Nutrition Act

#### CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

210.1-210.33 National School Lunch Program, especially:  
210.31 Wellness policy  
220.1-220.22 National School Breakfast Program

#### COURT DECISIONS

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

Management Resources: (see next page)

**Notifications**

Agencies must include the most current version of the federal nondiscrimination statement in a prominent location in all public information releases, publications, and on posters concerning nutrition program activities, except menus. The current nondiscrimination statement, including translations of the statement, can be found on the [USDA Nondiscrimination Statement web page](#).

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1. mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
2. fax: 202-690-7442; or
3. email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

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