

WELLNESS

The District shall follow nutrition guidelines that advance student health and reduce childhood obesity and shall promote the general wellness of all students through nutrition education, physical activity, and other school-based activities.

GUIDELINES AND GOALS

Part of the mission of the District is to improve the health of the school community by teaching students and families ways to establish and maintain life-long healthy eating and physical activity habits. The mission shall be accomplished through nutrition education, physical education and activity, and food served in schools.

The District shall develop nutritional guidelines and wellness goals in consultation with the local school health advisory council and with involvement from representatives of the student body, school food service, school administration, the board, parents, and the public. (see BDF and EHAA)

NUTRITION GUIDELINES

The District shall ensure that nutritional guidelines for reimbursable school meals shall be at least as restrictive as federal regulations and guidance and that all foods available on each campus are in accordance with the Texas Public School Nutrition Policy. (see CO)

In addition to legal requirements, the District shall:

1. Establish age-appropriate guidelines for food and beverages at classroom parties or school celebrations, including prohibiting parties, birthday or school celebrations from occurring in the cafeteria during meal serving times. (see CO)
2. Provide teachers with education and guidelines on the use of food for instructional purposes or as a reward in the classroom;
3. Establish guidelines for school-sponsored fund-raising activities that involve serving or selling food; and
4. Recommend that healthy food and beverage options be include at concessions and school-related events outside of the school day.

WELLNESS GOALS: NUTRITION EDUCATION

The District shall implement, in accordance with law, a coordinated health program with a nutrition education component (see EHAB and EHAC) and shall use health course curriculum that emphasizes the importance of proper nutrition (see EHAA).

In addition, the District established the following goals for nutrition education:

1. Students will receive nutrition education that fosters the adoption and maintenance of healthy eating behaviors.
2. Nutrition education will be a District-wide priority and will be integrated into other areas of the curriculum, as appropriate.
3. Staff responsible for nutrition education will be adequately prepared and will participate in professional development activities to effectively deliver the program as planned.
4. The food service staff, teachers, and other school personnel will coordinate the promotion of nutrition messages in the cafeteria, the classroom, and other appropriate settings.
5. Education nutrition information will be shared with families to positively influence the health of students.

WELLNESS GOALS: PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

The District shall implement, in accordance with law, a coordinated health program with physical education and physical activity components and shall offer at least the required amount of physical activity for all grades (see EHAB and EHAC).

In addition, the District establishes the following goals for physical activity:

1. The District will provide an environment that fosters safe and enjoyable fitness activities for all students, including those who are not participating in competitive sports.
2. Physical education and athletic classes will regularly emphasize moderate to vigorous activity.
3. The District will encourage teachers to integrate physical activity into the academic curriculum where appropriate.
4. Teachers and other school staff will receive training to promote enjoyable, life-long physical activity for themselves and students.
5. The District will encourage parents to support their children's participation, to be active, positive role models, and to include physical activity in family events.

WELLNESS GOALS: SCHOOL-BASED ACTIVITIES

The District establishes the following goals to create an environment conducive to healthful eating and physical activity and to express a consistent wellness message through other school-based activities:

1. Sufficient time will be allowed for students to eat meals in lunchroom facilities that are clean, safe, and comfortable.
2. Wellness for students and their families will be promoted at suitable school activities.
3. Employee wellness education and involvement will be promoted at suitable school activities.

IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent or designee shall oversee the implementation of this policy and shall develop administrative procedures for periodically measuring the implementation of the wellness policy.