

**STUDENT WELLNESS**

The Board of Education 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. 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)*  
*(cf. 5141.6 – School Health Services)*  
*(cf. 6142.1 – Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education)*  
*(cf. 6164.2 – Guidance/Counseling Services)*

**School Wellness Committee**

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 210.30)

To fulfill this requirement, the superintendent or designee may appoint a school wellness committee or other district committee and wellness committee coordinators. The committee 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.

*(cf. 1220 – Citizen Advisory Committees)*  
*(cf. 9140 – Board Representatives)*

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 committee members.

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The school 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 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 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. 6242.8 – 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)*

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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 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.

**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, all district schools shall participate in available federal school nutrition programs, including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, after-school snack programs, and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) 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)*

The superintendent 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

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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. 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 nutritional standards.

*(cf. 3312 – Contracts)*  
*(cf. 3554 – Other Food Sales)*

The superintendent or designee shall encourage school organizations to use healthy food items or non-food items for fund-raising purposes.

He/she also shall prohibit school staff from using non-nutritious foods as a reward for students' academic performance, accomplishments, or classroom behavior and the withholding of food or beverages as punishment.

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 or celebrations. Foods and beverages that do not meet nutritional standards shall be limited to no more than one food or beverage per party or celebration.

Class parties or celebrations involving food shall be held after the last lunch period or be incorporated into the school lunch program through Nutrition Services. The frequency of class parties or celebrations involving food shall be limited to three parties/celebrations per classroom per year.

Nutrition Services shall have sole authority to provide food and beverages from the beginning of the school day until after the last lunch period to ensure food safety and to maximize the schools' ability to serve healthy and appealing meals.

Nutrition Services shall have sole authority for the nutritious snack required in state and federally funded, district sponsored, before- and after-school programs.

School meals shall include whole, fresh, unprocessed foods and ingredients whenever possible.

School meals shall use foods low in sodium and limit sources of trans fatty acids whenever possible.

Nutrition Services shall monitor and implement food safety procedures for all food sold, served, or consumed on school premises with the exception of food brought from home for

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individual consumption or staff-only functions.

Nutrition Services shall use the USDA food-based menu planning option as the basis for school meal menu planning.

Schools shall provide an eating environment that reinforces classroom nutrition instruction in a space that is adequate and sheltered for cafeteria eating and food preparation.

Nutrient analysis of all meals shall be available for parents and students to see.

Lunch shall be scheduled between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m..

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. (7 CFR 210.30)

*(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 the district's wellness policy. (42 USC 1758b; 7 CFR 210.30)

Deputy/Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services  
or  
Director of Nutrition Services

*(cf. 0500 – Accountability)*

*(cf. 3555 – Nutrition Program Compliance)*

The superintendent or designee shall assess the implementation and effectiveness of this policy at least once every three years. (42 USC 1758b; 7 CFR 210.30)

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 committee, 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's activities related to student

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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

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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 210.30)

*(cf. 5145.6 – Parental Notifications)*

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. 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)*

Each school may post a summary of nutrition and physical activity laws and regulations prepared by the CDE.

### **Records**

The superintendent or designee shall retain records that document compliance with 7 CFR 210.30, including, but not limited to, the written student wellness policy, documentation of the triennial assessment of the wellness policy 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 210.30)

*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  
49430-49436 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  
49550-49562 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~~4~~ 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~~4~~ National School Lunch Program, especially:  
210.30 Wellness policy  
220.1-220.22 National School Breakfast Program

#### COURT DECISIONS

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

### *Management Resources:*

#### CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Integrating Physical Activity into the School Day, Governance Brief, April 2016  
Increasing Access to Drinking Water in Schools, Policy Brief, April 2013  
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  
Physical Activity and Physical Education in California Schools, Research Brief, April 2010  
Building Healthy Communities: A School Leader's Guide to Collaboration and Community Engagement, 2009  
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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>Center 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>**U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Nondiscrimination Statement**

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
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Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
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- (3) Email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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