

Policy

LOCAL WELLNESS/NUTRITION

The board believes that children need access to healthful foods and opportunities to be physically active in order to grow, learn, and thrive, and that good health fosters student attendance and education.

Obesity rates have doubled in children and tripled in adolescents over the last two decades, and physical inactivity and excessive calorie intake are the predominant causes of obesity. Heart disease, cancer, stroke, and diabetes are responsible for two-thirds of deaths in the United States, and major risk factors for those diseases, including unhealthy eating habits, physical inactivity, and obesity, often are established in childhood.

To promote healthful behavior in the school, the board is committed to encouraging its students to consume fresh fruits, vegetables, lowfat/nonfat milk and whole grains. The board is also committed to encouraging students to select and consume all components of the school meal.

In order to promote and protect children's health, well-being, and ability to learn, the board is committed to providing school environments that support healthy eating and physical activity and directs the superintendent to ensure that the district takes the appropriate measures to meet the following district wellness and nutrition goals:

A. All students will have opportunities, support, and encouragement to be physically active on a regular basis.

B. Foods and beverages sold or served at school shall meet the United States Department of Agriculture, Nutrition Standards for All Foods Sold in School, as required by the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Acts of 2010. All foods and beverages sold in the district shall meet the nutrition requirements of the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA) nutrition standards for National School Lunch, School Breakfast and/or After School Snack Programs. The nutrition standards shall apply to all foods and beverages sold in the district as part of the menu pattern meal, a la carte, vending machines, school stores and fund raisers. The food requirements for any food sold in schools must meet a range of calorie and nutrient requirements as outlined in the HHFKA. (see 3542.1 Wellness and Nutrition, Federal Nutrition Standards for All Foods Sold in School, Summary Chart).

Each school will make water available to children, at no extra charge, in the place where breakfast, lunch, and afterschool snacks are served during the meal service. These nutrition standards shall apply between 12 am and 30 minutes after the end of the school day.

C. All students will be provided with adequate time for student meal service and consumption in a clean, safe, and pleasant dining environment. Lunch and recess or physical education schedules will be coordinated with the meal service.

D. To the maximum extent practicable, all schools in our district will participate in available federal school meal programs (including the School Breakfast Program, National School Lunch Program including- After-School Snack Programs, Summer Food Service Program, and Child and Adult Care Food Program).

E. Schools will provide nutrition education and physical education to foster lifelong habits of healthy eating and physical activity, and will establish linkages between health education and school meal programs, and with related community services.

F. The board will engage students, parents, teachers, food service professionals, health professionals, and other interested community members in developing, implementing, monitoring, and reviewing district-wide nutrition and physical activity policies.

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Committee Review

The superintendent or his or her designee shall endeavor to engage parents, students, and representatives of the school food authority, members of the school board, school administrators, teachers, health professionals, and members of the public for the purpose of developing, implementing, monitoring, reviewing, and, as necessary, revising the school nutrition and physical activity initiatives. A committee may be convened to annually review and when necessary recommend revisions to school policies related to wellness and nutrition.

The committee will annually report to the board on the implementation of programs and initiatives related to student wellness and nutrition. The board shall annually review and consider recommendations of the wellness committee.

Triennial Assessment

The board shall ensure that a triennial (once every three years) assessment of the district wellness and nutrition policy and programs is completed. The recommendations of the committee shall be reviewed and considered as part of the triennial assessment. The assessment shall measure the implementation of the wellness and nutrition policy, and include:

- A. The extent to which each school is in compliance with the school wellness and nutrition policy;
- B. The extent to which the board wellness and nutrition policy compares to the federal and state model school wellness policies; and
- C. A description of the progress made in attaining the goals of the wellness and nutrition policy.

The board shall update or modify the policy and programs as necessary based on the results of triennial assessment.

Physical Activity

For students to receive the nationally-recommended amount of daily physical activity (i.e., at least 60 minutes per day) and for students to fully embrace regular physical activity as a personal behavior, the board is committed to providing opportunities for physical activity beyond physical education class. Activities that may be implemented include but shall not be limited to:

- A. Health education will complement and reinforce physical education. Students may be taught self-management skills that promote and help maintain a physically active lifestyle and reduce time spent on sedentary activities, such as watching television;
- B. As initiated and determined by the teacher, opportunities for physical activity may be incorporated into subject area lessons;
- C. Classroom teachers will make an effort to provide short physical activity breaks between lessons or classes, as appropriate;
- D. The daily schedule shall allow for periods of physical activity before or after meal periods and minimum of 20 minutes for recess daily; and

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- E. The code of student conduct shall prohibit withholding recess or other periods of physical activity as a consequence or a disciplinary option.

Recordkeeping Requirements

The superintendent or his or her designee shall maintain records to document compliance with wellness and nutrition policy requirements. These records shall include but are not limited to:

- A. The written wellness and nutrition policy;
- B. Documentation demonstrating compliance with community involvement requirements;
- C. Documentation of the triennial assessment of the wellness and nutrition policy; and
- D. Documentation to demonstrate compliance with the annual public notification requirements.

Marketing

The marketing of food or beverages shall only be permitted on the school campus during the school day for foods and beverages that meet the competitive foods requirements.

For purposes of this policy, marketing is defined as advertising and other promotions in schools. Food marketing commonly includes oral, written, or graphic statements made for the purpose of promoting the sale of a food or beverage product made by the producer, manufacturer, seller, or any other entity with a commercial interest in the product.

The marketing of products on the exterior of vending machines, through posters, menu boards, coolers, trash cans, and other food service equipment, as well as cups used for beverage dispensing are all subject to board policy, and the logos and products marketed in these areas and items are required to meet the competitive foods standards for foods sold in schools. This restriction shall not apply to marketing that occurs at events outside of school hours such as after school sporting or any other events, including school fundraising events.

Vending Machines

The board of education is committed to providing sound and nutritious lunches and snacks for its student body. As part of that commitment vending machines are available for students use.

Vending machines will supply only items that meet the range of calorie and nutrient requirement as outlined in the HHFKA.

Vending machines use shall be subject to supervision of the building principal and shall be in accordance with established student schedules and National School Lunch Program regulations.

Vending machine suppliers will be selected after comparisons are made on their product prices, frequency of service calls and profit sharing ratios. District profits from sales will be allocated to the Food Service program.

General School District Requirements

The district's curriculum shall incorporate nutrition education and physical activity consistent with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

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This policy does not apply to: medically authorized special needs diets pursuant to federal regulations; school nurses using food or beverages during the course of providing health care to individual students; or special needs students who's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) indicates their use for behavior modification. Adequate time shall be allowed for student meal service and consumption. Schools shall provide a pleasant dining environment. The board recommends that physical education or recess be scheduled before lunch whenever possible.

The district will promote student wellness through nutrition goals and education. The district will post this nutrition policy in the cafeteria, and modify food service practices. The policy will be referenced on the district website.

The superintendent will specifically address the issue of biosecurity for the school food service. Biosecurity may be part of the plans, procedures and mechanism for school safety.

The board is committed to promoting the nutrition policy with all food service personnel, teachers, nurses, coaches, other school administrative staff so they have the skills they need to implement this policy and promote healthy eating practices. The board will work toward expanding awareness including the development, implementation and review and update of this policy among students, parents, teachers and the general public.

The superintendent shall develop regulations consistent with this wellness policy including an annual staff review; an analysis of professional development needs and opportunities, and a comparison with model schools wellness policies that indicate positive wellness results for students.

The superintendent shall ensure that the public is informed about the content of the wellness and nutrition policy. The wellness and nutrition policy and any updates to the policy shall be made available to the public on an annual basis. The policy may be posted on the school website and/or at locations deemed appropriate by the superintendent.

Available upon request:

3542.1 Wellness and Nutrition, Federal Nutrition Standards for All Foods Sold in School, Summary Chart).

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Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties
N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1 f-h. Use of competitive contracting in lieu of public bidding;
 boards of education
N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 Exceptions to requirement for advertising
See particularly:
N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(6)

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<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:18A-6	Standards for purchase of fresh milk; penalties; rules and regulations
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:33-3 through -5	Cafeterias for students
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:33-9 through -14	Findings, declarations relative to school breakfast programs..
<u>See particularly:</u> <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:33-10	
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:33-15 through -19	<u>Improved Nutrition and Activity Act (IMPACT Act)</u>
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:54-20	Powers of board (county vocational schools)
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:58-7.1 through -7.2	School lunch program ...
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 2:36-1.1 et seq.	Child Nutrition Programs
<u>See particularly:</u> <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 2:36-1.7	Local school nutrition policy
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16-5.1(b)	School safety plans
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-1 et seq.	Fiscal accountability, efficiency and budgeting procedures
<u>See particularly:</u> <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-16.5	Supplies and equipment
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:30-1.1 et seq.	Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts
Sec. 204 at the <u>Federal Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004</u> (P.L. 108-265)	
42 <u>U.S.C.</u> 1751 et seq.	<u>Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act</u>
42 <u>U.S.C.</u> 1771 et seq.	<u>Child Nutrition Act of 1966</u>
7 <u>CFR</u> Part 210 and 220	Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010
7 <u>C.F.R.</u> Part 210	Medically authorized special needs diets

Possible

<u>Cross References:</u> *1200	Participation by the public
*1220	Ad hoc advisory committees
*3000/3010	Concepts and roles in business and noninstructional operations; goals and objectives
*3220/3230	State funds; federal funds
*3450	Money in school buildings
*3510	Operation and maintenance of plant
*3542	Food Service
*3542.31	Free or reduced-price lunches/milk
*3542.44	Purchasing
*4222	Noninstructional aides
*5131	Conduct/discipline
9123	Appointment of board secretary
9124	Appointment of business official

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*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.