

Nutrition, Health, and Physical Fitness

The board recognizes that a healthy school environment prepares students for college, careers, and successful futures. Students who eat well-balanced meals and engage in regular exercise are more likely to learn in the classroom. The board supports the District's increased emphasis on nutrition, health and physical education, and physical activity at all grade levels to enhance the well-being of the District's students. Therefore, it is the policy of the Board of Directors to provide students with access to nutritious food; emphasize health education and physical education; and provide students with opportunities for physical activity.

Wellness Plan

The District, through a wellness committee, will provide input to the wellness plan in compliance with state and federal requirements for districts participating in the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.

Nutrition and Food Services Program

The Board of Directors supports the philosophy of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program and will provide wholesome and nutritious meals for children in the District's schools. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to administer the food services program, provided that any decision to enter into a contract with a private food service agency will require the approval of the Board.

Health and Physical Education Program

The District's K-12 health and physical education programs will be aligned with the Washington State Health and Physical Education K-12 Learning Standards and will include, but not be limited to, the development of knowledge and skills to be physically active, to eat nutritiously, to access reliable health information and services, to communicate effectively, and to set health-enhancing goals.

The District will ensure that the following requirements are met:

- All high school students are required to complete a minimum of three semesters (1.5 credits) of physical education and one semester (.5 credit) of health education.
- All students have equal and equitable opportunities for health and physical education.
- All students, from kindergarten through grade 12, will participate in a quality, standards-based health and physical education program.
- OSPI- developed assessments or other strategies will be used in health and physical education, formerly known as classroom-based assessments (CBAs).

Additionally, School districts must conduct an annual review of their PE programs. The review must consist of numerous provisions, including:

- the number of individual students completing a PE class during the school year;

- the average number of minutes per week of PE received by students in grades 1 through 8, expressed in appropriate reporting ranges;
- the number of students granted waivers from PE requirements;
- an indication of whether all PE classes are taught by instructors who possess a valid health and fitness endorsement;
- the PE class sizes, expressed in appropriate reporting ranges;
- an indication of whether, as a matter of policy or procedure, the district routinely modifies and adapts its PE curriculum for students with disabilities; and
- an indication of whether the district routinely excludes students from PE classes for disciplinary reasons.

Cross References:

2150 – Co-Curricular Program

2151 – Interscholastic Activities

2161 – Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students

2162 – Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

2410 – High School Graduation Requirements

3210 – Nondiscrimination

3422 – Student Sports – Concussion, Head Injury and Sudden Cardiac Arrest

4260 – Use of School Facilities

Legal References:

RCW 28A.210.365 Food choice, physical activity, childhood fitness — Minimum standards — District waiver or exemption policy.

RCW 28A.230.040 Physical Education – Grades 1-8

RCW 28A.230.050 Physical Education in High Schools

RCW 28A.230.095 Essential academic learning requirements and assessments — Verification reports.

RCW 28A.235.120 Meal Programs — Establishment and Operation — Personnel — Agreements

RCW 28A.235.130 Milk for children at school expense

RCW 28A.235.140 School breakfast programs

RCW 28A. 235.145 School breakfast and lunch programs –Use of state funds

RCW 28A. 235.150 School breakfast and lunch programs – Grants to increase participation – Increased state support

RCW 28A.235.160	Requirements to implement school breakfast, lunch and summer food service programs – Exemptions
RCW 28A.235.170	Washington grown fresh fruit and vegetable grant program
RCW 28A.623.020	Nonprofit program for elderly — Authorized — Restrictions
RCW 69.04	Intrastate Commerce in Food, Drugs and Cosmetics
RCW 69.06.010	Food and beverage service worker’s permit — Filing, duration — Minimum training requirements
RCW 69.06.020	Permit exclusive and valid throughout state — Fee
RCW 69.06.030	Diseased persons — May not work — Employer may not hire
RCW 69.06.050	Permit to be secured within fourteen days from time of employment
RCW 69.06.070	Limited duty permit
WAC 180-51-068	State subject and credit requirements for high school graduation— Students entering the ninth grade on or after July 1, 2015
WAC 392-157-125	Time for meals
WAC 392-410-135	Physical Education – Grade school and high school requirement
WAC 392-410-136	Physical Education Requirement-Excuse
2 CFR Part 200	Procurement
7 CFR, Parts 210 and 220	
7 CFR, Part 245.5	

Management Resources:

2017 – July Issue
2017 – April Policy Issue
Comprehensive School Physical Activity Program
2015 – June Policy Issue
Recommendations for Waivers in High School Physical Education/Fitness Education, OSPI (January 2013)
2014 – February Issue
Wellness Policy Best Practices, OPSI (January 2013)
Policy News, February 2005 – Nutrition and Physical Fitness Policy
Policy News, December 2004 – Nutrition and Physical Fitness Update
Alliance for a Healthier Generation Wellness Policies
OSPI Child Nutrition School wellness Policy Best Practices for Policy Development, Implementation and Evaluation

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Wellness Plan

The wellness plan may include, but is not limited to:

- A link to the most current Wellness Plan can be found here: <http://www.washougal.k12.wa.us/wellness-committee/>
- Goals for nutrition education, nutrition promotion, and other school-based activities to promote wellness;
- The Smart Snacks in School standards for all foods and beverages sold to students on campus during the school day, including access to water;
- Standards for quality physical education and nutrition education programs aligned to state learning standards that help students develop lifelong healthy behaviors;
- Engagement of the community in support of the District's work in creating continuity between school and other settings for students and staff to practice lifelong healthy habits;
- Establishment of a wellness committee that includes representatives from the school and that permits participation from members of the community;
- Designation of one or more school official(s) to ensure compliance of each school; and

Wellness Advisory Committee

The District will convene a wellness advisory committee to review goals for the District-level wellness plan. The following parties may be permitted to participate as committee members:

- Parents and caregivers;
- Students;
- Representatives of the school nutrition program (e.g., school nutrition director);
- Physical education teachers;
- School health professionals (e.g., health education teachers, nurses, physicians, dentists, health educators, and other allied health personnel who provide school health services, school counselors, psychologists, social workers, or psychiatrists);
- School administrators (e.g., superintendent, principal, vice principal),
- Health professionals (e.g., dietitians, doctors, nurses, dentists); and

Wellness Plan Implementation

The District will use online tools or other resources to review and consider evidence-based strategies (e.g., Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's School Health Index) in determining goals for nutrition promotion and education, physical activity and other school-based activities (e.g., school vegetable garden) for each school.

The plan will include:

- Roles, responsibilities, actions and timelines;
- The District official designated to oversee the wellness plan; and
- An action plan to implement all required elements of the wellness plan.

Annual Notification

The District will provide as much information as possible about the school nutrition environment and the availability of the wellness plan.

Triennial Progress Assessments

At least once every three years, the District will evaluate its compliance with the wellness plan. The triennial assessment will consider:

- The extent to which schools under the jurisdiction of the District are in compliance with Policy 6700.
- The extent to which progress has been made in attaining the goals of the District's wellness plan.

The assessment report will include the position/person responsible for managing the triennial assessment and their contact information.

Community Involvement, Outreach and Communications

The District will actively communicate ways in which members of the wellness advisory committee and others can participate in the periodic review and update of the wellness plan. The District will also inform parents of the improvements that have been made to school meals and compliance with school meal standards, the availability of child nutrition programs and how to apply for those programs, and District compliance with federal nutrition standards.

Nutrition and Culinary Services Program

Meal Applications and Eligibility for School Meals

As a sponsor of the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program, the District will provide free and reduced-price breakfasts and lunches to students who qualify in accordance with the programs. The District will distribute the Letter to Households and Free and Reduced-Price Meal Applications to all households at the beginning of each school year. The District will protect the identity of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals in accordance with USDA guidelines for confidentiality and disclosure of student eligibility for such meals.

Meal Patterns and Menu Planning

The District will follow the USDA meal patterns for the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Smart Snacks in School standards for all food and beverages sold to students on school campus during the school day.

Meal Times

The District will set meal times to allow breakfast to be served as close to the start of the school day as possible and lunch to be served between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. The length of the meal period will allow enough time for students to be served and eat a complete meal as well as take care of personal hygiene needs.

Food Safety Plan

The District will establish a Food Safety Plan based on Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points. Because of the potential liability of the District, the food services program will not accept donations of food other than as provided in this policy without board approval. Should the board approve a food donation, the superintendent shall establish inspection and handling procedures for the food and determine that the provisions of all state and local laws have been met before selling the food as part of the school lunch menu.

Meal Pricing

The Board of Directors shall determine paid meal prices annually and for the National School Lunch Program and follow Paid Lunch Equity regulations. Adult meal prices shall be set to allow teachers, administrators, and parents to demonstrate their support for school meal programs by occasionally eating with students. The price must be the price charged to students paying the full meal price plus the value of federal reimbursement for paid meals and the USDA Food Value.

USDA Foods

The District will use the full entitlement of USDA Foods made available under the Federal Food Distribution Program for school meal programs.

Non-Profit School Food Service Account

The District will maintain a non-profit school food service account. All revenues shall be used solely for the school meal programs and to improve the quality of the food service program for the students being served. Food sold a la carte and food sold to other school entities will be priced to recover, at a minimum, food costs.

Meal Charge Policy

In order to allow students to receive nutritious meals, prevent over-identification of students with insufficient funds to pay for school meals, and maintain the financial integrity of the nonprofit school nutrition program, the District will establish a written meal charge process for students eligible for reduced price meals and students that are not eligible for meals. The meal charge policy will be communicated to households each year so that school district employees, families and students have a shared understanding of expectations regarding meal charges.

Unpaid Meal Charges

The District's Meal Charge Policy will also address unpaid meal charges. All students including those who qualify for free meals, will not be denied a reimbursable meal, even if they have accrued a negative balance from previous purchases.

The District will make reasonable, discreet efforts to notify families when meal account balances are low. Families will be notified of an outstanding negative balance once the negative balance reaches \$-0.01. Automatic notices are emailed to parents with valid email addresses through the district's student management system. Periodic notices are mailed to parents who do not have valid email addresses in the district's student management system.

Negative balances of more than \$-35.00 not paid prior to July 1 will be considered delinquent debt and will be turned over to the superintendent or designee for collection. The District will make reasonable, discrete efforts to collect delinquent (overdue) unpaid meal charges, which is an allowable use of National School Food Service Account (NSFSA) funds, and will coordinate communications with families to resolve the charges. Options may include collection agencies, small claims court or any other collection method permitted by law and consistent with the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.

District employees are also able to purchase food through the Culinary Services program. Staff accounts will not have more than a \$-10.00 balance. When an account reaches this limit, the employee will not be allowed to charge additional meals or a la carte items until the negative account balance is paid. The district will make reasonable, discreet efforts to notify staff when meal account balances reach a negative status.

Children with Special Dietary Needs

The District will establish procedures to accommodate children with special dietary needs when a diet prescription form is signed by a licensed medical authority. The District food service department will work with the school's 504 Coordinator to accommodate student special dietary needs.

Civil Rights

The District will follow USDA Food and Nutrition Civil Rights and nondiscrimination policies.

Procurement

The District will follow all state and Federal guidelines when procuring food for the Federal School Meal Programs and as part of District procurement procedures, establish a procurement plan and Code of Conduct consistent with the Uniform Grant Guidance; 2 CFR 200. Food specifications shall be written in a manner to procure food products that meet the school meal pattern requirements.

Smart Snacks Standards in School

All foods and beverages sold to students on campus during the school day (e.g., vending machines, school stores, bake sales, and other school fundraisers) must meet USDA Smart Snacks standards. No food or drink items will be sold unless they have been approved by the principal or school official and vetted for compliance by a Culinary Services official.

Celebrations and Rewards

Foods offered on the school campus as rewards and/or celebrations will make every effort to reasonable accommodate nutritious/healthy food and beverage options that contribute to the well-being of the District's students.

Fundraising

Foods and beverages that meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks and have been vetted for compliance by a Culinary Services official may be sold as fundraisers on the school campus during the school day. Schools will encourage non-food and those promoting physical activity (such as walk-a-thons, Jump Rope for Heart, fun runs, etc.) as fundraisers during and outside school hours.

Nutrition Promotion

The District will promote healthy food and beverage choices for all students throughout the school campus, as well as encourage participation in school meal programs.

Staff Qualifications and Professional Development

All school nutrition program directors, managers and staff will meet or exceed hiring and annual continuing education/training requirements in the USDA professional standards for child nutrition professionals. These school nutrition personnel will refer to USDA's Professional Standards for School Nutrition Standards website to search for training that meets their learning needs.

Family and Community Involvement

Schools will promote family and community involvement in supporting and reinforcing nutrition education in schools.

Nutrition Education

The District's K-12 nutrition education curriculum will align with the Washington State Health and Physical Education K-12 Learning Standards and will be designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to promote healthy behavior.

Health and Physical Education

The superintendent will adopt and implement a comprehensive physical education curriculum aligned with the Washington State Health and Physical Education K-12 Learning Standards. The District will provide students with physical education, using an age-appropriate, sequential physical education curriculum. The physical education program will promote the benefits of a physically active lifestyle and help students develop skills to engage in lifelong healthy habits.

Physical Education Requirements and Waiver Policy

The District will grant waivers, exemptions, or substitutions for physical education classes only in cases where it determines such waiver, exemption or substitution is absolutely necessary. All high school students are required to complete a minimum of three semesters (1.5 credits) of physical education. Students may be excused from this fitness requirement under RCW 28A.230.050.

A physical education waiver is defined as release from class (not taking physical education at all), not receiving credit, and/or being held accountable for the knowledge portion of physical education per statute.

Quality Physical Education

Schools will implement a physical education program which includes instruction and practice in a variety of motor skills and movement patterns; knowledge of concepts, principles, strategies and tactics related to movement and performance; knowledge and skills to achieve and maintain a health-enhancing level of physical activity and fitness; responsible personal and social behavior that respects self and others; and values physical activity for health, enjoyment, challenge, self-expression, and social interaction.