

INSTRUCTION

School Wellness

The Manhattan School District is committed to providing school environments that promote and protect children’s health, well-being, and ability to learn by supporting healthy eating and physical activity. Therefore, it is the policy of the School District that:

The development of the school wellness policy, at a minimum, will include:

1. *Community involvement*, including input from teachers of physical education and school health professionals, parents, students, school food service, the school Board, school administrators, educators, and the public. Training of this team of people on the components of a healthy school nutrition environment is recommended.
2. *Goals for nutrition education, nutrition promotion, physical activity, and other school-based activities* that are designed to promote student wellness in a manner that the local education agency determines appropriate.
3. *Implementation, Periodic Assessment, and Public Updates*, including expanding the purpose of the team of collaborators beyond the development of a local wellness policy to also include the implementation of the local wellness policy with periodic review and updates, inform and update the public every three years, at a minimum, (including parents, students, and others in the community) about the content and implementation of the local wellness policies, and to measure periodically and make available to the public an assessment of the local wellness policy, including:
  - The extent to which schools are in compliance with the local wellness policy;
  - The extent to which the LEA’s local wellness policy compares to model local school wellness policies; and
  - The progress made in attaining the goals of the local wellness policy.
4. *Nutrition guidelines* for all foods available on each school campus under the local education agency during the school day, with the objectives of promoting student health and nutrient-rich meals and snacks. This includes food and beverages sold in a la carte sales, vending machines, and student stores; and food and beverages used for classroom rewards and fundraising efforts.
5. *Guidelines for reimbursable school meals* to ensure that the District offers school meal programs with menus meeting the meal patterns and nutrition standards established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
6. *A plan for measuring implementation* of the local wellness policy, including designation of one or more persons within the local education agency or at each school, as appropriate, charged with operational responsibility for ensuring that each school fulfills the District’s local wellness policy.

The suggested guidelines for developing the wellness policy include:

**Nutrition Education and Nutrition Promotion**

All students K-12 shall receive nutrition education that teaches the knowledge and skills needed to adopt healthy eating behaviors and is aligned with the *Montana Health Enhancement Standards*. Nutrition education shall be integrated into the curriculum. Nutrition information and education shall be offered and promoted throughout the school campus and based on the U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Staff who provide nutrition education shall have the appropriate training, such as in health enhancement or family and consumer sciences.

### **Health Enhancement and Physical Activity Opportunities**

The District shall offer health enhancement opportunities that include the components of a quality health enhancement program taught by a K-12 certified health enhancement specialist, if permitted by staffing levels. Health enhancement shall equip students with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary for lifelong physical activity. Health enhancement instruction shall be aligned with the *Montana Health Enhancement Standards*.

All K-12 students of the District shall have the opportunity to participate regularly in supervised, organized or unstructured, physical activities, to maintain physical fitness, and to understand the short- and long-term benefits of a physically active and healthy lifestyle.

### **Nutrition Standards**

The District shall ensure that reimbursable school meals and snacks meet the program requirements and nutrition standards found in federal regulations including but not limited to Smart Snacks in School Nutrition Standards. The District shall encourage students to make nutritious food choices through accessibility, advertising and marketing efforts of healthful foods.

The District shall monitor all food and beverages sold or served to students during the normal school day, including those available outside the federally regulated child nutrition programs (i.e., a la carte, vending, student stores, classroom rewards, fundraising efforts). The District shall consider nutrient density and portion size before permitting food and beverages to be sold or served to students. The Superintendent shall continually evaluate vending policies and contracts. Vending contracts that do not meet the intent and purpose of this policy shall be modified accordingly or not renewed.

### **Other School-Based Activities Designed to Promote Student Wellness**

The District may implement other appropriate programs that help create a school environment that conveys consistent wellness messages and is conducive to healthy eating and physical activity, such as staff wellness programs, non-food reward system and fundraising efforts.

### **Maintaining Student Wellness**

The Superintendent shall develop and implement administrative rules consistent with this policy. Input from teachers, parents/guardians, students, school food service program, the school Board, school administrators, and the public shall be considered before implementing such rules. A sustained effort is necessary to implement and enforce this policy. The Superintendent shall measure how well this policy is being implemented, managed, and enforced. The Superintendent shall report to the Board, as requested, on the District's programs and efforts to meet the purpose and intent of this policy.

Legal Reference:        PL 108-265     The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004  
                             PL 111-296     The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

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The following guidelines shall be in effect:

1. Food served in the K-12 meal program shall meet the nutrition guidelines set forth by the USDA.
  - Calories 550-650 (K-5) 600-700 (6-8) 750-850 (9-12)
  - Fat 30% or less calories from fat
  - Saturated Fat 10% or less calories from saturated fat
  - Sodium <1230mg (K-5) <1360mg (6-8) <1420mg (9-12)
  - Meat/MA 1oz daily min (K-8) 2oz daily min (9-12)
  - Grain 1oz daily min (K-8) 2oz daily min (9-12) 80% of all items served must be whole grain rich
  - Milk 1 cup (8oz) daily Must offer 2 varieties (1% or FF unflavored, FF flavored)
  - Fruit ½ cup minimum (K-8) 1 cup minimum (9-12)
  - Vegetable ¾ cup minimum (K-8) 1 cup minimum (9-12)
- All foods sold to students during the school day (midnight to 30 minutes after the school bell) must meet Smart Snack standards established by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids act of 2010. This includes foods & beverages sold in school stores, vending machines, and a la carte items sold in addition to the school meal. All food that is sold must meet the health department standard for storage, preparation & service.
- The Smart Snacks rule does not affect food sold **after** school, on the weekend, and off campus. Examples include: Concessions, Food & snacks students bring from home, Classroom events & teacher lounges.
- Under 7 CFR 210.11 (b) of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and 7 CFR 220.12 (a) of the School Breakfast Program (SBP), no foods of minimal nutritional value shall be sold in the food service areas during the lunch or breakfast periods. A food service area is defined as an area where reimbursable meals under NSLP or SBP are either served or eaten. The entire room in which reimbursable meals are served to children and eaten constitutes the food service area. A separate area in which foods of minimal nutritional value may be sold may not be created “outside” of the food service area by markings on the floor, use of barrier devices, or portable partitions, etc.

#### **Vending**

- Any food vending machine available for student use in the K-12 is acceptable provided that all vended foods meet the USDA Smart Snack Guidelines. The building principals will oversee the vending machines.
- Vending machines with non-carbonated drinks and district approved carbonated beverages may be placed in the high school. In order to receive district approval, carbonated drinks must be Smart Snack compliant, may not be marked as energy drinks, may not contain added sugar & if the beverage is not carbonated, it must contain at least 70% natural juice.

#### Policy History:

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