

San Juan USD

Board Policy

Student Wellness

BP 5030

Students

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. 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 – Androgenic/Anabolic Steroids)

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)

(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)

(cf. 5141.32 – Kindergarten Screening)

(cf. 6142.1 – Comprehensive Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance Services)

School Health Council/Committee

The superintendent or designee shall encourage parents/guardians, students, nutrition service employees, physical education teachers, school health professionals, board members, school administrators, and members of the public to participate in the development, implementation, and tri-annual review and update of the district's student wellness policy. (42 USC 1758b)

To fulfill this requirement, the superintendent or designee may appoint a school health council or other district committee whose membership shall include representatives of these groups, and may also invite participation of other groups or individuals, such 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 school health council/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 council/committee may also include the planning, implementation, and evaluation, tri-annually, of activities to promote health within the school or community.

Goals for Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Other Wellness Activities

The board shall adopt goals for nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, and other school-based activities that promote student wellness. (42 USC 1758b)

(cf. 0000 – Concepts and Roles)
(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 Content Standards)
(cf. 6142.7 - Physical 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. 6177 - Summer School)

To reinforce the district's nutrition education program, the board prohibits the marketing and advertising of non-nutritious foods and beverages through signage, vending machine fronts, logos, scoreboards, school supplies, advertisements in school publications, coupon or incentive programs, free give-aways, or other means.

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

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 – Crossing Guards)
(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)
(cf. 6145.2 – Interscholastic Competition)

The board may enter into a joint use agreement or memorandum of understanding to make district facilities or grounds available for recreational or sports activities outside the school day and/or to use community facilities to expand students' access to opportunities for physical activity.

Professional development shall be regularly offered to health education and physical education teachers, coaches, activity supervisors, nutrition services staff, and other staff as appropriate to enhance their health knowledge and skills.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

The superintendent or designee will disseminate health information and/or the district's student wellness policy to parents/guardians through 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 academic performance.

(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)

(cf. 1112 – Public, Press, Radio and Television)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement and Family Engagement)

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 and shall promote work-site wellness programs and may provide opportunities for regular physical activity among employees.

Nutritional Guidelines for Foods Available at School

For all foods available on each campus during the school day, the district shall adopt nutritional guidelines which are consistent with 42 USC sections 1773, 1779 and federal regulations and which support the objectives of promoting student health and reducing childhood obesity. (42 USC section 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 and after-school snack programs, to the extent possible. When approved by the California Department of Education, the district may sponsor a summer meal program.

(cf. 3550 - Food Service)
(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)
(cf. 5148 - Child Care)

The superintendent or designee shall provide access to free, potable water during meal times in the food service area in accordance with Education Code section 38086 and 42 USC section 1758, and shall 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 nutrition services program, should support the health curriculum and promote optimal health. Nutritional 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 fundraising purposes and shall encourage school staff to avoid the use of non-nutritious foods as a reward for students' academic performance, accomplishments, or classroom behavior.

(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)

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. Class parties or celebrations shall be held after the lunch period when possible.

Program Implementation and Evaluation

The superintendent shall designate one or more district or school employees, as appropriate, to ensure that each school site complies with this policy. (42 USC section 1758b)

The superintendent or designee shall assess the implementation and effectiveness of this policy at least once every two years. (42 USC section 1758b) 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 section 1758b)

The board and the superintendent or designee shall establish indicators that will be used to measure the implementation and effectiveness of the district activities related to student wellness.

The superintendent or designee shall invite feedback on district and school wellness activities from nutrition service personnel, school administrators, the school health council, parents/guardians, students, teachers, before- and after-school program staff, and/or other appropriate persons.

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.

The superintendent or designee shall inform and update the public, including parents/guardians, students, and others in the community, about the content and implementation of this policy and assessment results. (42 USC section 1758b)

In addition, the assessment results 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 likely to make a positive impact on student health and achievement.

Posting Requirements

Each school shall post the district's policies and regulations on nutrition and physical activity in public view within all school cafeterias or in other central eating areas. (Education Code section 49432)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 33350-33354 CDE responsibilities re: physical education
- 49430-49434 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
- 49550-49561 Meals for needy students
- 49565-49565.8 California Fresh Start pilot program
- 49570 National School Lunch Act
- 51210 Course of study, grades 1-6
- 51220 Course of study, grades 7-12
- 51222 Physical education
- 51223 Physical education, elementary schools
- 51795-51796.5 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

1758b Local wellness policy
1771-1791 Child Nutrition Act, especially:
1773 School Breakfast Program
1779 Rules and regulations, Child Nutrition Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 7

210.1-210.31 National School Lunch Program
220.1-220.21 National School Breakfast Program

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CALIFORNIA PROJECT LEAN PUBLICATIONS

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CENTER FOR COLLABORATIVE SOLUTIONS

Changing Lives, Saving Lives: A Step-by-Step Guide to Developing Exemplary Practices in Healthy Eating, Physical Activity and Food Security in Afterschool Programs, March 2010

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PUBLICATIONS

Fit, Healthy and Ready to Learn, 2000

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PUBLICATIONS

Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2005

Team Nutrition, Food and Nutrition Services, Changing the Scene, Improving the School

Nutrition Environment: A Guide to Local Action, 2000

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

Action for Healthy Kids: <http://www.actionforhealthykids.org>

California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu>

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>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): <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>

National School Boards Association: <http://www.nsba.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:

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