

D0218 - Elkhart

Middle School Wellness Policies

D0218 - Elkhart is committed to providing school environments that promote and protect children's health, well-being and ability to learn by supporting healthy eating, nutrition education, physical activity and integrated school based wellness. Therefore, it is the policy of D0218 - Elkhart that:

Policies in Place

Nutrition

General Guidelines

Substitutions are provided for students with medical disabilities identified by a licensed physician that require meal modifications per the signed Meal Modification Form.

Substitutions are provided for students with allergies and intolerances that do not rise to the level of a disability, identified by a Recognized Medical Authority on the signed Meal Modification Form.

The food service area is clean, orderly, and has an inviting atmosphere.

All school food service personnel receive required food safety training at a minimum of every 5 years. Continuing education training for all food service personnel meets federal and state requirements.

All school food service personnel receive required food safety training at a minimum of every 3 years.

The dining area has seating to accommodate all students during each serving period.

The dining area has adult supervision.

The dining area has food service personnel and supervisory staff use positive communication cues with students to promote consumption of foods served as part of Child Nutrition Programs.

The students are allowed to converse with one another at least part of the meal time.

Mealtime conversation is not prohibited for the entire meal time as disciplinary action.

Reimbursable meals and/or parts of a reimbursable meal are not withheld or denied as a disciplinary action.

Identify content of reimbursable lunch and breakfast near or at the beginning of the serving line(s).

Breakfast

All school breakfasts comply with USDA regulations and state policies.

At least three different fruits are offered each week on three different days. At least one fruit per week is served fresh.

Students have at least 10 minutes "seat time" to eat breakfast (not including time spent walking to and from class or waiting in line).

Students have at least 15 minutes "seat time" to eat breakfast (not including time spent walking to and from class or waiting in line).

Lunch

All school lunches comply with USDA regulations and state policies.

Offer one additional 1/2 cup* vegetable offering weekly from any of three vegetable subgroups (dark-green, red/orange, dry beans and peas).

Students have at least 15 minutes "seat time" to eat lunch not including time spent walking to/from class or waiting in line.

Other Child Nutrition Programs

Meals and snacks served under the USDA At-Risk Afterschool Meals, Afterschool Care Snack Program, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program and/or Summer Food Service Program comply with all federal regulations and state policies.

During the School Day

Students have access to free drinking water throughout the school day, including during meal service. Hygiene standards for all methods delivering drinking water will be maintained.

Students are allowed to have clear/translucent individual water bottles in the classroom.

Foods and beverages for classroom rewards, parties and celebrations will not be provided within one hour before or after the end of the last lunch period.

Fundraising within the school day meets "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards (sans the exempted fundraisers).

Fundraising within the school day and until 5 pm meets "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards (sans the exempted fundraisers).

Fundraising activities involving the sale of food or beverages that meet "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards and/or exempted fundraisers will not take place until after the end of last lunch period.

Nutrition Education

Nutrition Promotion

School promotes participation in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) if applicable and to choose nutritious foods and beverages throughout the day. Menus are posted on school website and/or distributed to families via another method.

Nutrition Education

Include nutrition education as part of health education classes and/or stand-alone courses for all grade levels, including curricula that promote skill development.

Active learning experiences are provided such as involving students in food preparation or other hands-on activities.

School uses qualified personnel or organizations from the community to provide nutrition education to students such as the Kansas State Department of Education, K-State Research and Extension, health and agriculture organizations, universities and consulting registered dietitians or other qualified individuals or organizations. Education should be provided under the direct supervision of a teacher.

Include nutrition and health posters, signage, or displays in the cafeteria food service and dining areas, classrooms, hallways, gymnasium, and/or bulletin boards that are rotated, updated or changed quarterly.

Physical Activity

Physical Activity General Guidelines

All students in grades K - 12, including those with disabilities, special health care needs and in alternative education settings, have the opportunity to participate in moderate to vigorous physical activity at least 2 times per week during the entire school year.

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All students in grades K - 12, including those with disabilities, special health care needs and in alternative education settings, have the opportunity to participate in moderate to vigorous physical activity every day during the entire school year.

Physical activity facilities in and on school property are safe with sufficient age-appropriate equipment for all students, including those with disabilities. Adequate adult supervision is provided.

School offers lifetime physical activity that teaches basic motor skills, enhances knowledge of concepts related to movement needed to achieve and maintain health. Students learn the benefits of and an appreciation for regular physical activity.

Throughout the Day

Structured physical activity opportunities, in addition to physical education and recess (where applicable), are encouraged for all students

Physical Activity Education

The physical education curriculum is sequential and consistent with Kansas State Board of Education approved physical education teaching standards for pre-kindergarten through grade 12.

Middle school students are offered physical education at all grade levels and receive 90-119 minutes of physical education per week, which includes at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity activity.

Physical education curriculum encourages a multi-dimensional fitness assessment.

Physical education is taught by teachers licensed by the Kansas State Department of Education.

Family & Community - PE

Community members are provided access to the school's outdoor physical activity facilities.

Community members are provided access to the school's indoor and outdoor physical activity facilities at specified hours.

Community members are made aware of opportunities to access the school's indoor and outdoor physical activity facilities at specified hours.

Integrated School Based Wellness

Integrated School Based Wellness

Annually partner with community health agencies/organizations and/or allow community use of school facilities for wellness activities.

The school wellness policy and progress toward meeting the State Model Wellness Policy are made available to the public, including parents, students and the community.

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Middle School Wellness Policies

The following Wellness Policies are in the process of being developed:

Developing Polices

Nutrition

General Guidelines

All school food service personnel receive food safety training annually.

The dining area had adults model healthy eating in the dining areas and encourage students to taste new and/or unfamiliar foods.

One "Smarter Lunchroom" or a Behavioral Economics technique is used on the serving line to encourage healthy choices by students.

Breakfast

At least five different fruits are offered each week. At least two fruits per week are be served fresh.

Lunch

At least three different fruits are offered each week. Two fruits per week are served fresh.

At least five different fruits are offered each week. Four fruits per week are served fresh.

Offer an additional 1 cup* vegetable offering weekly from any of three vegetable subgroups (dark-green, red/orange, dry beans and peas).

Students have at least 20 minutes "seat time" to eat lunch not including time spent walking to/from class or waiting in line.

During the School Day

Teachers and parents are provided with information on healthy options for classroom rewards, parties and celebrations that meet Smart Snacks in School "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards.

Nutrition Education

Nutrition Promotion

Marketing and advertising of nutritious foods and beverages to students is implemented consistently through a comprehensive and multi-channel approach by school staff, teachers, parents, students and the community.

Nutrition Education

All students in grades K-12, including those with disabilities, special health care needs and in alternative education settings, will have the opportunity to participate in culturally relevant participatory activities and a variety of learning experiences that support development of healthful eating habits that are based on the most recent Dietary Guidelines for Americans and evidence-based information.

Physical Activity

Physical Activity General Guidelines

School prohibits the use of physical activity as a punishment. Schools prohibit withholding physical activity, including recess and physical education, as punishment.

School encourages extra physical activity time is an option for classroom rewards.

Throughout the Day

Structured physical activity opportunities, in addition to physical education and recess (where applicable), are offered to all students at least 1 time daily. School staff are encouraged to participate.

Structured physical activity opportunities, in addition to physical education and recess (where applicable), are offered to all students at least 2 times daily. School staff are encouraged to participate.

Physical Activity Education

Physical education curriculum includes fitness assessment of at least 50% of all students enrolled in physical education and student fitness reports are available to parents.

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Physical education teachers participate in physical education and/or physical activity specific professional development every 2 years.

Physical education teachers have advanced certification and/or education.

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School staff are aware of Team Nutrition and the HealthierUS School Challenge Award opportunity.

School staff collaborate to achieve Bronze or Silver HealthierUS School Challenge Award in at least 50% of schools. All schools are enrolled as a Team Nutrition school.

Complete the CDC School Health Index.

Results of the School Health Index are shared with the public.

Each semester, partner with community health agencies/organizations and/or allow community use of school facilities for wellness activities.

The local school wellness policy team meets at least twice per year.

The wellness policy and progress toward meeting the State Model Wellness Policy are presented to the local school board and school staff.

The following students, parents, classroom teachers, food service professionals, physical education teachers, health professionals, administrators, school board members and other interested community members are engaged in developing, implementing, monitoring, reviewing and making the district wide wellness policies available to the public:

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