

D0408 - Marion

Middle School Wellness Policies

D0408 - Marion 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 D0408 - Marion that:

Policies in Place

Nutrition

General Guidelines

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.

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

The food service area is clean, orderly, and has an inviting atmosphere that encourages meal consumption.

The dining area has adequate 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.

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

The students are allowed to converse during the entirety of the meal time.

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

Students being disciplined are NOT seated at tables separated from other students in the dining area.

Students being disciplined are NOT seated in a separate location.

Three "Smarter Lunchroom" or Behavioral Economics techniques are used on the serving line to encourage healthy choices by students.

Content of reimbursable lunch and breakfast is identified near or at the beginning of the serving line(s).

A Kansas product is served in the school meals program at least one time per week.

Breakfast

All school breakfasts comply with USDA regulations and state policies.

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

Students have the opportunity to eat breakfast.

District offers at least 15 minutes "seat time" to eat breakfast (not including time spent walking to and from class or waiting in line) or Grab n Go breakfast options are available.

Lunch

All school lunches comply with USDA regulations and state policies.

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

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

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 where appropriate.

Meals purchased at fast food outlets to be consumed at school must not be brought to school in their original containers. Caffeinated beverages are not allowed in sack lunches to be consumed in the cafeteria. (Elementary/Middle School)

All Food Sold in Schools

All foods and beverages sold in schools are in compliance with USDA's Smart Snacks in School "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards from the midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day.

No energy drinks are sold on school property from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day.

Fundraising within the school day meets USDA's Smart Snacks in School "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards (sans the exempted fundraisers).

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

Nutrition Education

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District administrators inform teachers and other school personnel about opportunities to participate in professional development on nutrition and teaching nutrition.

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

Include nutrition and health posters, signage, or displays in the cafeteria food service and dining areas that are rotated, updated or changed quarterly.

Nutrition Promotion

Students provide input on foods offered in the cafeteria.

District 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.

District implements marketing and advertising of nutritious foods and beverages consistently through a comprehensive and multi-channel approach by school staff, teachers, parents and students.

District allows marketing (oral, written, or graphics) of only those foods and beverages sold on the school campus during the school day that meet the requirements set forth in the Smart Snacks Rule (Schools are not required to allow food or beverage marketing on campus).

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.

District uses extra physical activity time as a classroom reward.

Before & After School

Extracurricular physical activity programs, such as a physical activity club or intramural programs, are offered.

Family & Community

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

Physical Education

Physical education is taught by teachers licensed by the Kansas State Department of 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 120-149 minutes of physical education per week, which includes at least 80 minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity activity.

Physical education curriculum encourages a multi-dimensional fitness assessment.

Integrated School Based Wellness

General Guidelines

The school wellness committee makes appropriate updates or modification to wellness policy based on assessment and an update on the progress toward meeting the State Model Wellness Policy is made available to the public, including parents, students and the community.

Annually, offer district-sponsored wellness family activities that address one or more components of the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Model.

Annually partner with local health agencies and community organizations.

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

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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