

D0380 - Vermillion

Middle School Wellness Policies

D0380 - Vermillion 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 D0380 - Vermillion that:

Policies in Place

Nutrition

General Guidelines

All school food service personnel receive food safety training annually.

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.

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

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.

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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.

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).

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.

District has implemented alternative 2nd Chance Breakfast service options. "Breakfast in the Classroom" or "Breakfast After First Period" is 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).

Nutrition

Lunch

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

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 24 hours a 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 and until 5 PM meets USDA's Smart Snacks in School "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards (sans the exempted fundraisers).

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.

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Non-sold foods and beverages meet Smart Snacks in School "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards. The focus of classroom celebrations is not on food (http://www.kn-eat.org/SNP/SNP_Docs/SNP_Guidance/Wellness_Policies/Wellness_Policy_Guidelines_Booklet_Final_2017.pdf).

Schools provide staff information on non-food rewards.

Nutrition Education

Nutrition Promotion

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 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).

District allows marketing (oral, written, or graphics) of only those foods and beverages that meet the requirements set forth in the Smart Snacks Rule on the school campus during school activities at all times.

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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, as appropriate, 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.

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.

Active learning experiences are provided such as involving students in food preparation or other hands-on activities at least once a semester.

District uses qualified personnel or organizations from the community to provide nutrition education to students under the direct supervision of a teacher at least once/year.

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

Nutrition Education

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 every day during the entire school year.

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

District encourages extra physical activity time as an option for classroom rewards.

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Throughout the Day

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

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.

Physical Education teaches basic motor skills, enhances knowledge of concepts related to movement needed to achieve and maintain health for lifetime physical activity.

District offers lifetime sports and fitness classes/opportunities.

Middle school students are offered physical education at all grade levels and receive 150+ minutes of physical education per week, which includes at least 100 minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity activity.

Family & Community

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

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 partner with local health agencies and community organizations.

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

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Middle School Wellness Policies

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

Developing Policies

Nutrition

General Guidelines

Students being disciplined are NOT seated in a separate location.

Kansas food products that are served as part of the school meals program are identified at the beginning or on the serving line.

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

Lunch

Students are offered recess before lunch and at least 20 minutes seat time to eat.

All Food Sold in Schools

USDA's Smart Snacks in School Beverage Standards for middle schools apply to high school (only 100% juice, water, milk).

No exempted fundraisers. All fundraisers involving foods or beverages meet the USDA's Smart Snacks in School "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards.

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.

Fundraising activities support nutrition support nutrition, nutrition education and physical activity messaging.

During the School Day

District develops nutritional standards for non-sold food and beverages made available on school campus during the school day.

District adopts Smart Snacks in School "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards for non-sold food and beverages made available on school campus during the school day.

Meals purchased at fast food outlet 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)

Nutrition Education

Nutrition Promotion

Students provide input on foods offered in the cafeteria.

Students learn about the nutrition requirements for school meals and some students are involved in helping plan menus.

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 .

A student advisory council is formed and meets with a food service representative and school administration twice a year to provide input.

District implements marketing and advertising of nutritious foods and beverages consistently through a comprehensive and multi-channel approach to the community.

Nutrition Education

Nutrition Education

Teachers and other school personnel participate in nutrition education-related professional development at least once a year.

Active learning experiences are provided such as involving students in food preparation or other hands-on activities at least once each quarter.

District uses qualified personnel or organizations from the community to provide nutrition education to students under the direct supervision of a teacher at least once/semester.

Integrate age-appropriate nutrition education into other core subjects such as math, science, language arts, and social sciences, as well as into at least one non-core/elective subject.

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.

Offer information to families at least once per semester that encourages them to teach their children about health and nutrition, and assists them in planning nutritious meals for their families.

Physical Activity

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.

Professional development on integrating physical activity into core/non-core subjects is provided to licensed physical education teachers, school nurses, and building administrators.

Structured physical activities are planned by a licensed physical education teacher and integrated into health education and one or more core subjects, such as math, science, language arts, and social sciences, as well as in non-core and elective subjects.

Physical Education

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

Physical education curriculum encourages a multi-dimensional fitness assessment.

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.

Before & After School

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

Family & Community

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

Offer information via multiple channels at least once per semester to all families that encourages them to teach their children about physical activity, and assists them in planning physical activity for their families.

Integrated School Based Wellness

General Guidelines

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

Annual staff wellness activities and/or professional development opportunities related to nutrition, physical activity and abstaining from tobacco are provided to encourage school staff to serve as healthy role models. Staff wellness activities and training may also include additional components of the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Model.

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General Guidelines

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

Complete the CDC School Health Index biannually.

Results of the CDC School Health Index are shared with the district administration and local school board.

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

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

Each semester, partner with local health agencies and community organizations.

District Wellness Committee will discuss the development of a farm to school program.

Farm to school activities conducted annually in some schools.

Each semester, culturally relevant health education information is provided to families via handouts, postings on the school website, newsletters, presentations and workshops.

The local school wellness policy committee or subcommittee(s) meets at least once per quarter.

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:

Matt Rogers, Chairperson

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