

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT WELLNESS

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# WILMINGTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Authority SC 1422.1 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1758b</p> <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1758b</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">246. STUDENT WELLNESS</p> <p>Wilmington Area School District recognizes that student wellness and proper nutrition are related to students’ physical well-being, growth, development, and readiness to learn. The Board is committed to providing a school environment that promotes student wellness, proper nutrition, nutrition education, and regular physical activity as part of the total learning experience. In a healthy school environment, students will learn about and participate in positive dietary and lifestyle practices that can improve student achievement.</p> <p>The Board adopts the Student Wellness Policy based on the recommendations of the appointed Wellness Committee and in accordance with federal and state laws.</p> <p>To ensure the health and well-being of all students, the Board establishes that the District shall provide to students:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A comprehensive nutrition program consistent with federal and state requirements.</li> <li>2. Access at reasonable cost to foods and beverages that meet established nutritional guidelines.</li> <li>3. Physical education courses and opportunities for developmentally appropriate physical activity during the school day.</li> <li>4. Curriculum and programs for grades K-12 that are designed to educate students about proper nutrition and lifelong physical activity, in accordance with State Board of Education curriculum regulations and academic standards.</li> </ol> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible to monitor each of the District’s schools, programs and curriculum to ensure compliance with this policy, related policies and established guidelines or Administrative Regulations.</p>
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<p>42 U.S.C. Sec. 1758b</p> <p>42 U.S.C. Sec. 1758b</p>	<p>Each building principal or designee shall report to the Superintendent or designee regarding compliance in his/her school.</p> <p>Staff members responsible for programs related to student wellness shall report to the Superintendent or designee regarding the status of such programs.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board on the District's compliance with law and policies related to student wellness. The report may include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Assessment of school environment regarding student wellness issues.</li><li>2. Evaluation of food services program.</li><li>3. Review of all foods and beverages sold in schools for compliance with established nutrition guidelines.</li><li>4. Listing of activities and programs conducted to promote nutrition and physical activity.</li><li>5. Recommendations for policy and/or program revisions.</li><li>6. Suggestions for improvement in specific areas.</li><li>7. Feedback received from District staff, students, parents/guardians, community members and the Wellness Committee.</li></ol> <p>The Superintendent or designee and the appointed Wellness Committee shall periodically conduct an assessment on the contents and implementation of this policy as part of a continuous improvement process to strengthen the policy and ensure implementation. The assessment shall include the extent to which District schools are in compliance with law and policies related to student wellness, and shall describe the progress made by the District in attaining the goals of this policy. The assessment shall be made available to the public.</p> <p>The District shall inform and update the public, including parents/guardians, students, and others in the community, about the contents and implementation of this policy.</p>
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<p>4. Guidelines</p>             <p>42 U.S.C. Sec. 1758b</p>       <p>SC 1513 Pol. 102, 105</p>	<p><u>Wellness Committee</u></p> <p>The Board shall appoint a Wellness Committee comprised of at least one (1) of each of the following: School Board member, District administrator, District food service representative, student, parent/guardian, and member of the public. Other members of the Wellness Committee may include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Teacher.</li> <li>2. School nurse.</li> <li>3. School counselor.</li> <li>4. Coach.</li> <li>5. Health professional.</li> <li>6. Other individuals chosen by the Board.</li> </ol> <p>The District shall be required to permit physical education teachers and school health professionals to participate on the Wellness Committee.</p> <p>The Wellness Committee shall serve as an advisory committee regarding student health issues and shall be responsible for developing, implementing and periodically reviewing and updating a Student Wellness Policy that complies with law to recommend to the Board for adoption.</p> <p><u>Nutrition Education</u></p> <p>Nutrition education will be provided within the sequential, comprehensive health education program in accordance with curriculum regulations and the academic standards for Health, Safety and Physical Education, and Family and Consumer Sciences.</p> <p>The goal of nutrition education is to teach, encourage and support healthy eating by students. Promoting student health and nutrition enhances readiness for learning and increases student achievement.</p> <p>Nutrition education shall provide all students with the knowledge and skills needed to lead healthy lives.</p> <p>Lifelong lifestyle balance shall be reinforced by linking nutrition education and physical activity.</p>
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<p>SC 1512.1 Pol. 102, 105</p>	<p><u>Nutrition Promotion</u></p> <p>The District aims to teach, encourage, and support healthful eating by students. District schools shall promote nutrition by providing appropriate nutrition education in accordance with the Student Wellness Policy.</p> <p><u>Physical Activity</u></p> <p>Age-appropriate physical activity opportunities, such as recess; before and after school; during lunch; clubs; intramurals; and interscholastic athletics, shall be provided to meet the needs and interests of all students, in addition to planned physical education.</p> <p><u>Physical Education</u></p> <p>A sequential physical education program consistent with curriculum regulations and Health, Safety and Physical Education academic standards shall be developed and implemented. All District students must participate in physical education.</p> <p>Quality physical education instruction that promotes lifelong physical activity and provides instruction in the skills and knowledge necessary for lifelong participation shall be provided.</p> <p>Physical education classes shall be the means through which all students learn, practice and are assessed on developmentally appropriate skills and knowledge necessary for lifelong, health-enhancing physical activity.</p> <p>Safe and adequate equipment, facilities and resources shall be provided for physical education courses.</p>
<p>7 CFR Sec. 210.10, 220.8</p>	<p><u>Other School Based Activities</u></p> <p>Drinking water shall be available and accessible to students, without restriction and at no cost to the student, at all meal periods and throughout the school day.</p> <p>Students shall have access to hand washing or sanitizing before meals and snacks.</p> <p>To the extent possible, the District shall utilize available funding and outside programs to enhance student wellness.</p> <p>The District shall support the efforts of parents/guardians to provide a healthy diet and daily physical activity for children by communicating relevant information through various methods.</p>

<p>42 U.S.C. Sec. 1751 et seq, 1773 7 CFR Sec. 210.10, 220.8</p> <p>7 CFR Sec. 210.11, 220.12a</p> <p>7 CFR Sec. 210.11</p> <p>SC 504.1</p> <p>Pol. 209.1</p>	<p><u>Nutrition Standards/Guidelines</u></p> <p>All foods available in District schools during the school day shall be offered to students with consideration for promoting student health and reducing childhood obesity.</p> <p>Foods provided through the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs shall comply with established federal nutrition standards.</p> <p>Competitive foods available to students in District schools outside of school meal programs shall comply with established federal nutrition standards and the Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods in Pennsylvania Schools, as applicable.</p> <p>The District may impose additional restrictions on competitive foods, provided that the restrictions are not inconsistent with federal requirements.</p> <p>Exclusive competitive food and/or beverage contracts shall be approved by the Board, in accordance with provisions of law.</p> <p><u>Management Of Food Allergies In District Schools</u></p> <p>The District shall establish Board policy and Administrative Regulations to address food allergy management in District schools in order to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reduce and/or eliminate the likelihood of severe or potentially life-threatening allergic reactions.</li> <li>2. Ensure a rapid and effective response in case of a severe or potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.</li> <li>3. Protect the rights of students by providing them, through necessary accommodations when required, the opportunity to participate fully in all school programs and activities.</li> </ol> <p><u>Safe Routes To School</u></p> <p>The District shall assess and, to the extent possible, implement improvements to make walking and biking to school safer and easier for students.</p>
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The District shall cooperate with local municipalities, public safety agency, police departments and community organizations to develop and maintain safe routes to school.

District administrators shall seek and utilize available federal and state funding for safe routes to school, when appropriate.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 504.1, 1337.1, 1422, 1422.1, 1422.3, 1512.1, 1513

National School Lunch Program – 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1751 et seq.

School Breakfast Program – 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1773

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 – P.L. 111-296

National Food Service Programs, Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations –  
7 CFR Part 210, Part 220

Board Policy – 000, 102, 103, 103.1, 105, 209.1, 808