

D0115 - Nemaha Central

Middle School Wellness Policies

D0115 - Nemaha Central 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 D0115 - Nemaha Central 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.

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.

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 are not being disciplined by separating from other students in the dining area.

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

Students have the opportunity to eat breakfast.

Lunch

All school lunches comply with [USDA regulations](#) and [state policies](#).

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

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

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

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

Other Child Nutrition Programs

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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Schools provide staff information on non-food rewards.

Nutrition Education

Nutrition Promotion

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

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 .

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.

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 sold on the school campus during the school day that meet the requirements set forth in the [Smart Snacks Rule](#) on the school campus during school activities.

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](#) on the school campus at all times.

Nutrition Education

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

The Wellness Committee, teachers and other school personnel participate in nutrition education-related professional development at least once a year.

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.

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 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, nutrition and agriculture education and assists them in planning nutritious meals for their families.

Physical Activity

General Guidelines

All students in grades K - 12 have the opportunity to participate in moderate to vigorous physical activity at least 2 times per week during the entire school year.

All students in grades K - 12 have the opportunity to participate in moderate to vigorous physical activity 3 or more times per week 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.

Throughout the Day

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

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

Physical Education

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

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

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.

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.

Before & After School

An assessment on walking and/or biking to school has been completed to determine safety and feasibility.

Family & Community

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

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.

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

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

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

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

Developing Policies

Nutrition

General Guidelines

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

One or more Kansas food products served as a part of the school meals program and identified at the beginning of the serving line each week.

Two or more Kansas products served as a part of the school meals program and identified at the beginning of the serving line each week.

Breakfast

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

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

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

During the School Day

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

Nutrition Education

Nutrition Promotion

Students provide input on foods offered in the cafeteria.

Nutrition Education

All students in grades K-12 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.

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

Active classroom 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/year.

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 two or more core subjects such as math, science, language arts, and social sciences as well as in two or more non-core and elective subjects.

Integrate age-appropriate nutrition education into all core subjects such as math, science, language arts, and social sciences as well as in three or more non-core and elective subjects.

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 quarter that encourages them to teach their children about health, nutrition, and agriculture education and assists them in planning nutritious meals for their families.

Physical Activity

Throughout the Day

Structured physical activities are approved 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

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 50% of the minutes engaged in moderate to vigorous intensity activity.

Integrated School Based Wellness

General Guidelines

District Wellness Committee will discuss the development of a [farm to school program](#).

Facilitate the integration of a [farm to school program](#) and curricular activities including hands-on activities as appropriate to facilitate the nutritional and educational goals in 50% of the schools.

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

Quarterly, 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:

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