

D0456 - Marais Des Cygnes Valley

Middle School Wellness Policies

D0456 - Marais Des Cygnes Valley 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. D0456 - Marais Des Cygnes Valley allows and encourages members of the school community and the general public to participate in the development and assessment of local wellness policies. It is the policy of D0456 - Marais Des Cygnes Valley 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 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.

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.

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 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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Nutrition

Lunch

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.

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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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.

Schools provide staff information on non-food rewards.

Nutrition Education

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 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.

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.

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

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.

Annual staff wellness activities and/or professional development opportunities related to nutrition, physical activity, mental health, and abstaining from tobacco and e-cigarettes 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](#) .

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.

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

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

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.

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Developing Policies

Nutrition Education

Nutrition Education

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.

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.

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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