

Culver School District 4J

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Local Wellness Program

The district is committed to the optimal development of every student and believes that a positive, safe and health-promoting learning environment is necessary for students to have the opportunity to achieve personal, academic, developmental and social success.

To help ensure students possess the knowledge and skills necessary to make healthy choices for a lifetime, the Superintendent or designee shall prepare and implement a comprehensive district nutrition program consistent with state and federal requirements for districts sponsoring the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and/or the School Breakfast Program (SBP). The program shall reflect the Board's commitment to providing adequate time for instruction that fosters healthy eating through nutrition education and promotion, serving healthy and appealing foods at district schools, developing food-use guidelines for staff and establishing liaisons with nutrition service providers, as appropriate.

The district Superintendent or designee shall establish a Wellness Advisory Committee to advise the district in development

WELLNESS POLICY IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING, ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Implementation Plan

The district shall develop and maintain a plan to manage and coordinate the implementation of this wellness policy.

Implementation will consist of, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Delineate roles, responsibilities, actions and timelines specific to each school;
2. Include information about who will be responsible to make what change, by how much, where and when;
3. Include specific goals and objectives for nutrition standards for all foods and beverages available on the school campus, and in food and beverage marketing; and
4. Include specific goals and objectives for nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, physical education and other school-based activities that promote student wellness.

The Board designates the principals to be responsible for ensuring each school meets the goals outlined and complies with this policy.

Record Keeping

The district will retain the following records to document compliance with the requirements of the wellness policy at the district office.

1. The written wellness policy;
2. Documentation demonstrating that the policy has been made available to the public;
3. Documentation of efforts to review and update the local wellness policy, including an indication of who is involved in the update and the methods the district uses to make stakeholders aware of their ability to participate;
4. Documentation to demonstrate compliance with the annual public notification requirements;
5. The most recent assessment on the implementation of the local wellness policy;
6. Documentation demonstrating the most recent assessment on the implementation of the local wellness policy has been made available to the public.

Notification of Policy

The district will inform the public about the content and implementation of the local wellness policy, and post the policy and any updates to the policy on the district website annually. Included will be, if available, the most recent assessment of the implementation, and a description of the progress being made in attaining the goals of the policy.

The district will publicize the name and contact information of the district or school official(s) leading and coordinating the policy and information on how the public can get involved with the local wellness policy. This information will be published on the district's website and in district communications.

Triennial Progress Assessments

At least once every three years, the district will evaluate compliance with the local wellness policy, to assess the implementation of the policy and produce a triennial progress report that will include:

1. The extent to which schools under the jurisdiction of the district are in compliance with the policy;
2. The extent to which the district's policy compares to model wellness policy; and
3. A description of the progress made in attaining the goals of the district's policy.

The district will publish the triennial progress report on the district website when available. The district will update or modify the policy based on results of the triennial assessment.

Community Involvement, Outreach and Communications (Review of, and Updating Policy){¹}

The district will actively communicate ways in which the community can participate in the development, implementation and periodic review and update of the local wellness policy. The district will communicate information about opportunities in community news, on the district’s website, on school websites, and/or in district or school communications. The district will ensure that communications are culturally and linguistically appropriate to the community.

Parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, teachers of physical education, school health professionals, the Board, school administrators, and the general public will be solicited to participate in the periodic review and update of the local school wellness policy.

Wellness Advisory Committee²

The district supports a wellness advisory committee to assist the development, implementation, and periodic review and update of the local wellness policy. The superintendent or designee will be a member of this committee.

The district will publicize information about the wellness advisory committee [in community news, in communications to parents, and/or on websites operated by the district] to communicate to parents, students and the community at large to explain the committee’s purpose, process and an invitation to volunteer.

1. The wellness advisory committee membership will include, to the extent possible, but not be limited to:
 - a. Parents, caregivers and students;
 - b. Representatives of the school nutrition program (e.g., school nutrition director);
 - c. Physical education and/or health education teachers;
 - d. School health professionals (e.g., school nurses, physicians, dentists, health educators and other allied health personnel who provide school health services);
 - e. Mental health and social services staff (e.g., school counselors, psychologists, social workers, or psychiatrists);
 - f. School administrators (e.g., superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal, vice principal);
 - g. Board members;
 - h. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) education coordinators;
 - i. Healthcare professionals and/or other health related professionals (e.g., dietitians, doctors, nurses, dentists); and
 - j. Members of the general public.

¹{USDA Local school wellness policy [resource](#); CDC [resource](#); CDC Healthy Schools [resource](#); USDA Local school wellness policy [outreach toolkit](#) and communication resource from [Alliance for a Healthier Generation](#).}

² {A Wellness Advisory Committee is not required. If the district chooses to have a committee, the district should amend the language here to establish the membership and responsibilities of the committee. [School Wellness Committee Toolkit](#) published by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation}

Nutrition Promotion and Nutrition Education

Nutrition promotion and nutrition education positively influence lifelong eating behaviors by using evidence-based strategies and techniques and nutrition messages and by creating food environments that support healthy nutrition choices.

Nutrition promotion and nutrition education shall be a sequential and integrated focus on improving students' eating behaviors, reflect evidence-based strategies and be consistent with state and local district health education standards.

To promote nutrition education in schools, the principal is responsible for ensuring the following goals are implemented:

1. ³Students and staff will receive consistent nutrition messages throughout the school environment;
2. Nutrition education is provided throughout the student's school years as part of the district's age-appropriate, comprehensive nutrition program[(which includes the benefits of healthy eating, essential nutrients, nutritional deficiencies, principles of healthy weight management, the use and misuse of dietary supplements, safe food preparation, and handling and storage related to food and eating)], and is aligned and coordinated with the Oregon Health Education Standards and school health education programs;
3. Nutrition education will include culturally relevant, participatory activities that include social learning strategies and activities that are aligned and coordinated with the Oregon Health Education Standards and school health education programs;
4. Teachers will receive curriculum-specific training;
5. Parents and families are encouraged through school communications to send healthy snacks/meals and reusable water bottles with their student to school;
6. Families and community organizations are involved, to the extent practicable, in nutrition education;
7. Nutrition education homework that students can do with their families is assigned (e.g., reading and interpreting food labels, reading nutrition-related newsletters, preparing healthy recipes);
8. Materials on how to assess one's personal eating habits, set goals for improvement and achieve those goals.

³ {The goals listed are not required, but districts are required to include goals in the policy. Districts are encouraged to evaluate needs and resources and to develop specific goals. Districts are required to "review and consider evidence-based strategies and techniques" (7 CFR 210.31(c)(1)). Model Wellness Policy resource published by the [Alliance for a Healthier Generation](#). OSBA makes no representation of its compliance by providing this resource.}

Nutrition promotion, including marketing and advertising nutritious foods and beverages to students, will be implemented consistently through a comprehensive and multi-channel approach, (e.g., in the classroom, cafeteria and at home) by staff, teachers, parents, students and the community.

To ensure adequate nutrition promotion, the following goals will be implemented:

1. {⁴}[Information about available meal programs is distributed prior to or at the beginning of the school year and at other times throughout the school year;
2. Information about availability and location of a Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is distributed;
3. Nutrition promotion materials are sent home with students, published on the district website, and distributed at parent-teacher conferences;
4. Families are invited to attend exhibitions of student nutrition projects or health fairs;
5. Physical activity is a planned part of all school-community events.]

School Meals

Schools within the district participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) child nutrition programs, administered through the Oregon Department of Education (ODE), including the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the School Breakfast Program (SBP), Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program (FFVP), Special Milk Program (SMP), Summer Food Service Programs (SFSP), Supper Programs, or others. The district also operates additional nutrition-related programs and activities including Farm-to-School programs, school gardens, Breakfast in the Classroom, Mobile Breakfast carts or Grab-n-Go Breakfast.

The district's available meal program(s) will operate to meet meal pattern requirements and dietary specifications in accordance with the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act and applicable federal laws and regulations.

The [principal(s)] will support nutrition and food services operation as addressed in Board policy EFAA – District Nutrition and Food Services and its accompanying administrative regulation EFAA-AR – Reimbursable Meals and Milk Programs.

Water

Free, safe, unflavored, drinking water will be available to all students throughout the school day and throughout every school campus. The district will make drinking water available where school meals are served during mealtimes.

Competitive Foods and Beverages

The district controls the sale of all competitive foods. All foods and beverages outside the reimbursable school meal programs that are **sold** to students on the school campus during the school day will meet or exceed Smart

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Snacks Standards⁵. These standards will apply in all locations and through all services where foods and beverages are sold, which may include, but are not limited to, à la carte options in cafeterias, vending machines, school stores and snack or food carts.

Celebrations and Rewards/Incentives

All foods offered on the school campus are encouraged to meet the nutrition standards set by the USDA and the Oregon Smart Snacks Standards. This includes, but is not limited to, celebrations, parties, classroom snacks brought by parents, rewards and incentives.

Fund Raising

Foods and beverages that meet or exceed the nutrition standards set by the USDA and the Oregon Smart Snacks Standards may be sold through fund raisers on the school campus during the school day. Such requests to conduct a fundraiser will be submitted to the principal for approval before starting.

Food and Beverage Marketing in Schools

Any foods and beverages marketed or promoted to students on the school campus during the school day will meet or exceed the nutrition standards set by the USDA.

Physical Activity and Physical Education

A quality physical education program is an essential component for all students to learn about and participate in physical activity. The district will develop and assess student performance standards and program minute requirements in order to meet ODE's physical education content standards and state law.

Physical activity should be included in the school's daily education program for grades pre-K through 12 and include regular, instructional physical education, as well as co-curricular activities and recess.

In order to ensure students are afforded the opportunity to engage in physical education and physical activity in the school setting, the following goals are established:

1. ⁶Physical education will be a course of study that focuses on students' physical literacy and development of motor skills;
2. Staff encourages and provides support for parental involvement in their children's physical education';
3. Physical education courses will be the environment where students learn, practice and are assessed on developmentally appropriate knowledge, skills and confidence to become physically literate;
4. Instruction, provided by adequately prepared teachers, i.e. licensed or endorsed to teach physical education, will meet the state adopted academic content standards for physical education (Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 329.045). Teachers of physical education shall regularly participate in professional development activities annually;

⁵ Oregon Department of Education, [Oregon Smart Snacks Standards](#)

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5. ⁷ Every public school student in [pre-]kindergarten through grade 8 shall participate in physical education for the entire school year. Students in kindergarten through grade [5][6] shall participate for at least 150 minutes during each school week, and students in grade [6][7] through 8 for at least 225 minutes per week;
6. Physical activity will be integrated across curricula and throughout the school day. Movement will be made a part of all classes or courses as part of a well-rounded education;
7. Physical activity during the school day (including, but not limited to, recess, classroom physical activity breaks or physical education) will not be used as a punishment or reward;
8. ⁸At least 50 percent of the weekly physical education class time in grades K through 8 shall be devoted to actual physical activity;
9. Physical activity is a planned part of all-school community events;
10. Materials promoting physical activity are sent home with students and published on the district website.

Other Activities that Promote Student Wellness

The district will integrate wellness activities throughout the entire school environment (districtwide), not just in the cafeteria, other food and beverage venues and physical activity facilities. The district will coordinate and integrate other initiatives related to physical activity, physical education, nutrition and other wellness components so all efforts are complimentary, not duplicated and work toward the same set of goals and objectives promoting student well-being, optimal development and strong educational outcomes.

The district will provide the following activities and encourage the following practices which promote local wellness:

1. Nonfood-related fundraisers;
2. Use of alternates to food as rewards in the classroom;
3. Creation of connections between out-of-school time (OST) programs that involve staff members from OST programs, both school- and community-based, in school initiatives that address healthy eating, such as school wellness teams or wellness committees;
4. Integration of social, emotional and mental health supports into school programs (e.g., promote a positive school climate where respect is encouraged and students can seek help from trusted adults);

END OF POLICY

⁷ {This language is not required to be in policy, but this is a required action pursuant to ORS 329.496.}

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Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 327.531](#)
[ORS 329.496](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 336.423](#)

[ORS 327.537](#)
[OAR 581-051-0100](#)
[OAR 581-051-0305](#)
[OAR 581-051-0306](#)

[OAR 581-051-0310](#)
[OAR 581-051-0400](#)

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, 42 U.S.C. § 1758b (2018).
National School Lunch Program, 7 C.F.R. Part 210 (2022).
School Breakfast Program, 7 C.F.R. Part 220 (2022).