

Student Wellness

Policy Statement

The Caroline County School Board recognizes the link between student health and learning and desires to provide a comprehensive program promoting healthy eating and physical activity in division students.

Goals

Based on review and consideration of evidence-based strategies and techniques, the Caroline County School Board establishes the following goals to promote student wellness.

Nutrition Promotion and Education

- Students receive nutrition education that teaches the skills they need to adopt and maintain healthy eating behaviors.
- Nutrition education is offered in the school cafeteria as well as in the classroom, with coordination between the foodservice staff and other school personnel, including teachers.
- Students receive consistent nutrition messages from all aspects of the school program.
- Division health education curriculum standards and guidelines address both nutrition and physical education.
- Nutrition is integrated into the health education or core curricula (e.g., math, science, language arts).
- Schools link nutrition education activities with the coordinated school health program.
- Staff who provide nutrition education have appropriate training.
- The level of student participation in the school breakfast and school lunch programs is appropriate.
- Schools are enrolled as Team Nutrition Schools, and they conduct nutrition education activities and promotions that involve parents, students and the community.
- An adequate amount of time is allowed for students to eat meals in adequate lunchroom facilities.
- All children who participate in school meals programs are able to obtain food in a non-stigmatizing manner.
- The availability of school meals programs is adequately publicized in ways designed to reach families eligible to participate in the programs.
- Environmentally-friendly practices such as the use of locally grown and seasonal foods, school gardens and non-disposable tableware have been considered and implemented where appropriate.

Physical activity

- Students are given opportunities for physical activity during the school day through physical education (PE) classes, daily recess periods for elementary school students and the integration of physical activity into the academic curriculum where appropriate.
- Students are given opportunities for physical activity through a range of before- and/or after-school programs including, but not limited to, intramurals, interscholastic athletics and physical activity clubs.
- Schools work with the community to create ways for students to walk, bike, rollerblade or skateboard safely to and from school.
- Schools encourage parents and guardians to support their children's participation in physical activity, to be physically active role models and to include physical activity in family events.
- Schools provide training to enable staff to promote enjoyable, lifelong physical activity among students.
- Other school-based activities
- Physical activities and/or nutrition services or programs designed to benefit staff health have been considered and, to the extent practical, implemented.

Nutrition Standards and Guidelines

The School Board incorporates and adopts the nutrition standards in 8 VAC 20-740-10 through 8 VAC 20-740-40. The district requires foods offered on the school campus meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards including those provided for celebrations, parties and classroom snacks. Non-food celebrations are encouraged.

The superintendent is responsible for creating

- regulations to develop and implement standards for all foods and beverages provided, but not sold, to students on the school campus during the school day; and
- standards and nutrition guidelines for all foods and beverages sold to students on the school campus during the school day that promote student health and reduce childhood obesity and are consistent with the applicable standards and requirements in 7 C.F.R. §§ 210.10, 210.11 and 220.8.

Marketing on the school campus during the school day is permitted only for those foods and beverages that meet the nutrition standards under 7 C.F.R. § 210.11, serve to promote student health, prevent childhood obesity, and combat problems associated with poor nutrition and physical inactivity. Schools are permitted to allow 30 school-sponsored fundraisers during a school year which may be exempt from Smart Snacks in Schools nutrition standards. Exempt fundraisers are tracked and monitored by the school principal and records are maintained on file. Any fundraiser that sells food or beverages may not be conducted during the school meal service times (6am till end of breakfast and from the beginning of first lunch till the end of last lunch).

Implementation

The School Board encourages parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, teachers of physical education, school health professionals, school administrators and the general public to participate in the development, implementation and periodic review and update of this policy.

The Director of Food Services is responsible for enforcing this policy and overseeing the implementation of this policy and developing procedures for evaluating the policy, including indicators that will be used to measure its success.

Implementation procedures include measuring and making available to the public, at least once every three years, an assessment of the implementation of the policy, including the extent to which schools are in compliance with the policy, the extent to which this policy compares to model school wellness policies and a description of the progress made in attaining the goals of the policy. The results of the triennial assessment are considered in updating the policy.

The School Board retains the following records to document compliance with 7 C.F.R. § 210.31: the policy;

- documents demonstrating compliance with community involvement requirements, including requirements to make the policy and triennial assessments available to the public; and
- documentation of the triennial assessment of the policy.

Legal Refs: 42U.S.C. § 1758b.

7C.F.R. 210.3.

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 22.1-253.13:1.

Cross Refs: EFB Free and Reduced Price Food Services
IGAE/IGAF Health Education/Physical Education
JL Fund Raising and Solicitation
JHCH School Meals and Snacks
KQ Commercial, Promotional and Corporate Sponsorships and Partnerships

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