

Southgate Community School District Wellness Policy

The Southgate Community School District is committed to creating a healthy school environment that enhances the development of lifelong wellness practices to promote healthy eating and physical activities that support student achievement.

Nutrition Education

Pre-K-12 students shall receive nutrition education that is aligned with the *Michigan Health Education Content Standards and Benchmarks*.¹ Nutrition education that teaches the knowledge, skills, and values needed to adopt healthy eating behaviors shall be integrated into the curriculum especially in the areas of science, health and physical education and life skills. Nutrition education information shall be offered throughout the school campus including, but not limited to, school dining areas and classrooms. The Michigan Model for Comprehensive School Health is the approved venue for lessons. (Appendix G) Staff members who provide nutrition education shall have the appropriate training.

Nutrition Standards

The district shall ensure that reimbursable school meals meet the program requirements and nutrition standards found in federal regulations.² The district shall encourage students to make nutritious food choices.

The Food Service Department is proud of the role it plays in providing students with a nutritious meal each school day. Our goal is to provide students with a well-balanced meal that meets the Guidelines of the National School Lunch Program and is also appealing to students' tastes.

Menu

The USDA meal patterns requires five components be offered to qualify for a reimbursable meal. A meat/protein, fruit, vegetable, bread and milk must be offered in specific quantities. These meal patterns were designed to provide 50% of the recommended dietary allowances for key nutrients. The menu must also provide no more than 30% of the total calories from fat, and no more than 10% from saturated fat over the course of a week.

In order to encourage students to eat a complete lunch, we offer two entrée choices at each elementary, and more choices at the middle and high school. Every entrée we offer is available as a meal when bundled with a fruit

¹ Michigan Department of Education Health Education Content Standards and Benchmarks, July 1998. http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Health_Standards_15052_7.pdf.

² Title 7—United States Department of Agriculture, Chapter ii - Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, Part 210 - National School Lunch Program. http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_04/7cfr210_04.html

choice, vegetable choice, milk and bread. At most elementary schools we feature a self-serve cold bar to allow students a variety of fruits and vegetables each day.

Desserts are considered a treat with lunch, and have been limited to one day per week on the menu. Other changes we have made include more reduced calorie dressings and light mayonnaise for some sandwich condiments. We offer 1% strawberry milk. We do not add butter or margarine when cooking vegetables. Salt is not added as a seasoning, but replaced with pepper or other herbs instead.

A la Carte

A la Carte items are snacks that students may purchase that are not part of a meal. They are offered to middle and high school students, with the exception of a few things that may be offered at the elementary level. They are intended to compliment a meal rather than replace it. We have voluntarily discontinued Hostess Snacks and other high fat a la carte items, and introduced more baked and low-fat items in their place.

The district shall monitor all food and beverages sold or served to students, including those available outside the federally regulated child nutrition programs. The district shall consider nutrient density³ and portion size before permitting food and beverages to be sold or served to students.

The district superintendent, business manager and principals shall continually evaluate vending policies and contracts. Vending contracts that do not meet the intent and purpose of this policy shall be modified accordingly or not renewed.

Physical Education and Physical Activity Opportunities

The district shall offer physical education (PE) opportunities that include the components of a quality physical education program.⁴ Physical education shall equip students with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary for lifelong physical activity. Physical education instruction is aligned with the *Michigan Physical Education Content Standards and Benchmarks*.⁵

³ Nutrient dense foods are those that provide substantial amounts of vitamins and minerals and relatively fewer calories. Foods that are low in nutrient density are foods that supply calories but relatively small amounts of micronutrients (sometimes not at all).
http://www.health.gov/dietaryguidelines/dga2005/report/HTML/G1_Glossary.htm

⁴ Including goals for physical activity is required by federal law Section 204 of Public Law 108-265. Physical education, while recommended, is not required.
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/Healthy/108-265.pdf>

⁵ Michigan Department of Education Physical Education Content Standards and Benchmarks, July 1998.
http://222.michigan.gov/documents/Physical_Education_Content_Standards_42242_7.pdf

All students, Pre-K-12, shall have the opportunity to participate regularly in supervised physical activities, either organized or unstructured, intended to maintain physical fitness and to understand the short- and long-term benefits of a physically active and healthy lifestyle. At elementary and lower middle school levels, all students are scheduled into PE for five days per week for at least 20 weeks. Comprehensive PE activities including weight machines, cardio-vascular fitness and a climbing wall are included for 8th and 9th graders. High school students who have not met the requirements for PE for graduation or who choose an elective class may take PE courses offered at the high school.

A full complement of individual and group sports are offered through the recreation department for elementary students and in competitive leagues at the secondary levels.

Other School-Based Activities Designed to Promote Student Wellness

The district may implement other appropriate programs i.e. running clubs, track walking, field days, participation in events like "Relay for Life", etc. that help create a school environment that conveys consistent wellness messages and is conducive to healthy eating and physical activity.

Implementation and Measurement

The district superintendent shall implement this policy and measure how well it is being managed and enforced. The district superintendent shall develop and implement administrative rules consistent with this policy. Input from teachers (including specialists in health, life skills and physical education), nurses, parents/guardians, students, representatives of the school food service program, school board members, school administrators, and the public shall be considered before implementing such rules. Southgate Community School District is using the current Sex Education, Reproductive Health Advisory Committee to assume the responsibilities of the required Coordinated School Health Team. A sustained effort is necessary to implement and enforce this policy. The district superintendent shall report to the local school board, as requested, on the district's programs and efforts to meet the purpose and intent of this policy.

Administrative Rules Regarding Southgate Community School District Local Wellness Policy

In order to enact and enforce Southgate Community School District's Local Wellness Policy, the Superintendent and administrative team, with input from teachers (including specialists in health and physical education), parents/guardians, students, representatives of the school food service program, school board members, school administrators, and the public, have developed these administrative rules.

The Superintendent has appointed the Curriculum Director to organize the Coordinated School Health Team who has invited members of the Sex Education/Reproductive Health Advisory Committee to serve in the capacity of the Coordinated School Health Team. Members include representatives from the following areas:

- Administration.
- Counseling
- Food services.
- Health and Life Skills Education
- Health services.
- Parent/guardian, student and community (including health care providers)
- Physical education.

Staff shall be reminded that healthy students come in all shapes and sizes. Students shall receive consistent messages and support for:

- Self respect.
- Respect for others.
- Healthy eating.
- Physical activity.⁶

These rules are subject to ongoing administrative review and modification as necessary to help assure compliance with the purpose and intent of Southgate Community School District's Local Wellness Policy. Any District stakeholder wishing to express a viewpoint, opinion, or complaint regarding these rules should contact:

Superintendent of Schools
Southgate Community School District
14600 Dix Toledo Road
Southgate, Mi. 48195
Fax: 734-283-6791 Phone: 734-246-4600

⁶ The Role of Michigan Schools in Promoting Healthy Weight. September 2001.
<http://www.emc.cmich.edu/pdfs/Healthy%20Weight.pdf>

Students, staff, and community will be informed about the Local Wellness Policy annually on the district's website and through other print and electronic communications.

Nutrition Education

Nutrition education, a component of comprehensive health education, shall be offered every year to students of the District through integration into the entire curriculum especially in the areas of physical education, health, science and child development. (Appendix H).

The District shall implement a quality nutrition education program that addresses the following:

Curriculum:

- Has a curriculum aligned with the *Michigan Health Education Content Standards and Benchmarks*.
- Equips students to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to engage in sound nutrition behavior.

Instruction and Assessment:

- Aligns curriculum, instruction, and assessment.
- Builds students' confidence and competence in making healthy nutrition choices.
- Engages students in learning that prepares them to choose a healthy diet.
- Includes students of all abilities.
- Is taught by "highly qualified teachers of health education."⁷

Opportunity to Learn:

- Includes students of all abilities.
- Provides adequate instructional time to build students' confidence and competence in health-enhancing skills.

Nutrition education will also be made available to parents/guardians and the community. This nutrition education may be provided in the form of handouts, menus, wall or bulletin board posters or banners, postings on the District website, community and student oriented presentations or other communications focused on promoting proper nutrition and healthy lifestyles.

Nutrition Standards

The District shall offer school meal programs with menus meeting the meal patterns and nutrition standards established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The District shall encourage students to make food choices based on the most current Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Food and beverages that compete with the District's policy of promoting a healthy school environment shall be discouraged.

⁷ Michigan State Board Of Education Policy On Comprehensive School Health Education, June 2004. http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Health_Education_Policy_final_94135_7.pdf

Each school building in the District shall offer and promote the following food and beverages in all venues outside federally regulated child nutrition programs:

- Whole and enriched grain products that are high in fiber, low in added fats and sugars, and served in appropriate portion sizes consistent with the current USDA standards.
- Fresh, frozen, canned or dried fruits and vegetables using healthy food preparation techniques, and 100 percent fruit or vegetable juice in 12-ounce servings or less.
- Nonfat, low-fat, plain and/or flavored milk and yogurt, nonfat and/or low-fat real cheese, rather than imitation cheese. Offer the following serving sizes: yogurt in eight-ounce servings or less, milk in 16-ounce servings or less, cheese in 1.5-ounce (two-ounce, if processed cheese) servings or less.
- Nuts, nut butters, seeds, trail mix, and/or soybean snacks in one-ounce portions or less; portions of three ounces or less of cooked lean meat, poultry, or fish using healthy food preparation techniques.
- Accompaniments (sauces, dressings, and dips), if offered, in one-ounce servings or less.⁸

The District shall monitor food service distributors and snack vendors to ensure that they provide predominantly healthy food and beverage choices that comply with this policy's purpose in all venues. (See Appendix A.)

The District shall discourage using food as a reward. Alternatives to using food as a reward are found in (Appendix B.)

The District shall encourage serving healthy food at school parties. Notices shall be sent to parents/guardians either separately or as part of a school newsletter, reminding them of the necessity of providing healthy treats for students and/or encouraging the use of non-food treats for classroom birthday or award celebrations. Portion control and healthy choices should be stressed. (See Appendix C.)

The District shall encourage healthy fundraisers as alternatives to fundraising that involve selling food items of limited nutritional value, such as candy, cupcakes, or sugary beverages. Example: Sales of candy items (candy bars, sugar coated chocolate snacks, or the like) as a school or grade-level fundraising project should be replaced with non-food items such as candles, wrapping paper, greeting cards, etc. (See Appendix D.)

⁸ Michigan State Board Of Education Policy On Offering Healthy Food And Beverages In Venues Outside Of The Federally Regulated Child Nutrition Programs, December 2003. http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Healthy_Foods_AttchmtA_12_9_83141_7.pdf

(Vending sales of soft drinks, artificially sweetened drinks, and candy will be discouraged on school grounds prior to the start of the school day or throughout the instructional day for middle and high schools, but may be permitted at special events that begin after the conclusion of the instructional day. A full array of non-carbonated beverages such as milk, juice and water will be available as well. For suggestions on healthier foods, see (Appendix E.)

Physical Education and Physical Activity Opportunities

Developmentally appropriate physical education shall be offered every year to all students of the District.⁴ In addition, physical education topics shall be integrated into the entire curriculum when appropriate.

The District shall implement a quality physical education program that addresses the following:

*Curriculum:*⁹

- Equips students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for lifelong physical activity.
- Has a curriculum aligned with the *Michigan Physical Education Content Standards and Benchmarks*.
- Influences personal and social skill development.

The premier curriculum at Davidson Middle School includes but is not limited to the following activities: rotation through 14 fitness stations (once per month), 25 minutes working toward targeted heart rate (once per week), complete body strength circuit (once per week), height, weight, body fat tracking (twice per quarter), 5 components of physical fitness research interactive scavenger hunt (once per semester), rock climbing, various team and individual sports (once per week), and 1 hour of personal hygiene instruction.

Instruction and Assessment:

- Aligns curriculum, instruction, and assessment.
- Builds students' confidence and competence in physical abilities
- Engages students in curriculum choices that prepare them for a wide variety of lifetime activities.
- Includes students of all abilities.
- Is taught by a certified physical education teacher trained in best practice physical education methods.
- Keeps all students involved in purposeful activity for a majority of the class period.
- Uses available curriculum and materials from Michigan State Board of Education such as Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs and Getting Michigan Moving.

Opportunity to Learn:

⁹ The Exemplary Physical Education Curriculum (EPEC) meets this administrative rule: <http://www.michiganfitness.org/EPEC>

- Builds students' confidence and competence in physical abilities.
- Has a teacher-to-student ratio consistent with those of other subject areas and/or classrooms.
- Has enough functional equipment for each student to actively participate.
- Includes students of all abilities.¹¹
- Offers instructional periods totaling 1100 minutes per year (elementary) and 9845 minutes per year (middle and high school).¹⁰ (The ideal is to increase staff to allow for 8055 minutes per year for elementary students.)
- Provides facilities to implement the curriculum for the number of students served.

The District should offer daily opportunities for unstructured physical activity, commonly referred to as recess, for all students Pre-K through grade five. Recess is in addition to physical education class time. Each school lay ground provides proper equipment and a safe area designated for supervised recess in the elementary setting. Grogan Elementary School also has a wheelchair accessible area with adaptive play equipment. School staff should not withhold participation in recess from students or cancel recess to make up for missed instructional time. Schools provide opportunities for various types of physical activity for students in grades seven through twelve apart from physical education class and organized sports. Physical activity opportunities include: before- and after-school extracurricular physical activity programs, and use of school facilities outside of school hours especially at Davidson with the fully equipped fitness and weight room used by students and staff.

¹⁰ Michigan State Board of Education Policy on Quality Physical Education, September 2003. www.michigan.gov/documents/HealthPolicyPE_77380_7.pdf

Other School-Based Activities Designed to Promote Student-Wellness

The District shall strive to create a healthy school environment that promotes healthy eating and physical activity.¹¹ In order to create this environment, the following activities shall be implemented:

Dining Environment

- The school district shall provide:
 - a clean, safe, enjoyable meal environment for students,
 - enough space with renovated serving areas to ensure all students have access to school meals with minimum wait time,
 - drinking fountains in all schools, so that students can get water at meals and throughout the day,
 - encouragement to maximize student participation in school meal programs, and
 - identity protection of students who eat free and reduced-price meals through pre-paid meal cards

Time to Eat

- The school district shall ensure:
 - adequate time (a minimum of 20 minutes after seating) for students to enjoy eating healthy foods with friends in schools,
 - that lunch time is scheduled as near to the middle of the school day as possible, and
 - that recess for elementary schools is scheduled immediately before or after lunch .¹² (see Appendix F).

Food or Physical Activity as a Reward or Punishment

- The school district shall:
 - discourage the use of food as a reward or punishment in schools (see Appendix B),
 - limit denying student participation in recess or other physical activities as a form of discipline or for classroom make-up time,
 - encourage using physical activity as a reward, such as teacher or principal walking or playing with students at recess (see Appendix F).

Consistent School Activities and Environment

- The school district shall:
 - promote school fundraising efforts that support healthy eating and physical activity (see Appendix D),
 - provide opportunities for on-going professional training and development for food service staff and teachers in the areas of nutrition and physical education,
 - make efforts to keep school or district-owned physical activity facilities open for use by students outside school hours,

¹¹ Michigan's Healthy School Action Tool: <http://mihealthtools.org/schools>

¹² A Recess Before Lunch Policy Implementation Guide, Montana Team Nutrition Program, Office of Public Instruction school Nutrition Programs, September 2003.
<http://www.opi.state.mt.us/schoolfood/recessBL.html>

- encourage parents/guardians, teachers, school administrators, students, food service professionals, and community members to serve as role models in practicing healthy eating and being physically active, both in school and at home,
- make efforts through service groups, scouts and the city Recreation Department, the Adult and community Education program to keep school or district-owned physical activity facilities open for use by students (and community members) outside of school hours,
- encourage and provide opportunities for students, teachers, and community volunteers to practice healthy eating and serve as role models in school dining areas,
- provide information and outreach materials about other Food and Nutrition Service programs such as Food Stamps, and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) to students and parents/guardians,
- encourage all students to participate in school meal programs, (i.e., the National School Lunch, including snacks for After School Program, and School Breakfast programs), and
- implement physical activity across the curriculum throughout the school day or in all subject areas, for example, by planning “Brain Breaks.”¹³ (see Appendix F).

Implementation and Measurement

All employees of the District are encouraged to be a positive healthy lifestyle role model for students by following, at a minimum, these administrative rules. Students can learn healthy lifestyle habits by observing the food and physical activity patterns of school personnel and other adults who serve as role models in their lives. In order to send consistent messages to students, all adults in the school environment are encouraged to make healthy food choices and engage in physical activity. The existing Sex Education/Health Advisory Committee acting as the local wellness committee, will be kept abreast of the nutrition and physical activity needs of students at least annually. The food service personnel monitors food choices of students and staff regularly. Curriculum will be reviewed for implementation annually and observation checklists may be provided to instructional staff and administrators to measure compliance with planned activities.

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¹³ Tips and Tools to Help Implement Michigan's Healthy Food and Beverage Policy, 2004. <http://www.tn.fcs.msue.msu.edu/toolkit.pdf>

Healthy Choices In All Venues

Your Resource to Healthy Packaged Food and Beverage Products

The two lists below will help schools identify healthy food and beverages that are available from food-service distributors and snack vendors for vending machines, à la carte, and other venues.

Single-serving-size snacks (except for nuts, seeds, and cheese) should have no more than 6 grams of fat and meet at least two of the following three criteria:

- 1) Contain 300 or fewer calories,
- 2) One or more grams of fiber, or
- 3) At least 10% of Calcium, Iron, Vitamin A or Vitamin C

List 1: Healthy Snack Options Available Through Foodservice Distributors:

Contact the Nutrition Resource Center at Gordon Food Service to request the most recent list of healthy packaged food and beverage product options: 1-800-968-4426.

The following professionals may be interested in using this information:

Food Service Operator – One who manages a foodservice program, i.e. a school foodservice director.

Food Service Distributor – A business that purchases, warehouses and delivers products from many manufacturers. These products are in turn sold and delivered to restaurants, institutions, and schools.

Food Service Broker – A company which represents products from many manufacturers.

Manufacturer Representative – A person who represents products from just one manufacturer.

List 2: Healthy Snack Options Available Through Snack Vendors:

Visit www.accesskent.com/snacks for the most recent list of healthy packaged food and beverage product options. Contact Kent County Health Department at 616-336-3034 for more information.

The following professionals may be interested in using this information:

School Leader – A person who is working with a vending company and making decisions regarding the snack vending selections.

Vending Operator – A company that services (fills, repairs) vending machines in schools.

Because the food industry is constantly proving new products, please determine if a food or beverage meets the criteria by using the Nutrition Facts label on the package.



Alternatives To Using Food As A Reward

At school, home, and throughout the community kids are offered food as a reward for "good" behavior. Often these foods have little or no nutritional value but are easy, inexpensive, and can bring about short-term behavior change.

There are many disadvantages to using food as a reward:

- ◆ It undermines nutrition education being taught in the school environment.
- ◆ It encourages over-consumption of foods high in added sugar and fat.
- ◆ It teaches kids to eat when they're not hungry as a reward to themselves.

Kids learn preferences for foods made available to them, including those that are unhealthy.¹ Poor food choices and inadequate physical activity contribute to overweight and obesity. Currently, obesity among kids is at epidemic levels and can often lead to serious health problems.²

1. Birch LL. Development of Food Preferences. Annu. Rev. Nutr. 1999; 19:41-62.

2. Ogden CL, Flegal KM, Carroll MD, and Johnson CL. Prevalence and Trends in Overweight Among US Children and Adolescents, 1999-2000. JAMA, October 9, 2002 Vol 288, No. 14.

Students Learn What They Live

Kids naturally enjoy eating healthy and being physically active. Schools and communities need to provide them with an environment that supports healthy behaviors. Below are some alternatives for students to enjoy instead of being offered food as a reward at school.

ZERO-COST ALTERNATIVES

- ◆ Sit by friends ◆ Watch a video
- ◆ Read outdoors ◆ Teach the class
- ◆ Have extra art time ◆ Enjoy class outdoors
- ◆ Have an extra recess ◆ Play a computer game
- ◆ Read to a younger class ◆ Get a no homework pass
- ◆ Make deliveries to the office
- ◆ Listen to music while working
- ◆ Play a favorite game or puzzle
- ◆ Earn play money for privileges
- ◆ Walk with a teacher during lunch
- ◆ Eat lunch outdoors with the class
- ◆ Be a helper in another classroom
- ◆ Eat lunch with a teacher or principal
- ◆ Dance to favorite music in the classroom
- ◆ Get "free choice" time at the end of the day
- ◆ Listen with a headset to a book on audiotape
- ◆ Have a teacher perform special skills (i.e. sing)
- ◆ Have a teacher read a special book to the class
- ◆ Give a 5-minute chat break at the end of the day

LOW-COST ALTERNATIVES

- ◆ Select a paperback book
- ◆ Enter a drawing for donated prizes
- ◆ Take a trip to the treasure box (non-food items)
- ◆ Get stickers, pencils, and other school supplies
- ◆ Receive a video store or movie theatre coupon
- ◆ Get a set of flash cards printed from a computer
- ◆ Receive a "mystery pack" (notepad, folder, sports cards, etc.)

IDEAS FROM MICHIGAN TEACHERS

GAME DAY: "I have my students earn letters to spell game day...after the letters have been earned, we play reading or phonics-type board games. The kids beg for Game Day!"

FRIDAY FREE TIME: "I give my students thirty minutes at the beginning of the week and they can earn or lose free time according to their behavior. I use a timer and turn it on (they can hear it) if they are too loud working, lining up, etc. I add time when their behavior is good. Adding time is the most effective. I save time by not waiting for them to settle down so I don't feel bad about the free time."

Adapted from a project funded by Michigan Department of Community Health's Cardiovascular Health, Nutrition & Physical Activity Section at Lincoln Elementary School in South Haven, Michigan. Lincoln Elementary is a Team Nutrition school. For more information about Team Nutrition contact Chris Flood at 269-639-0002 or go to www.tn.fcs.msue.msu.edu.

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<http://www.tn.fcs.msue.msu.edu/toolkit.pdf>

Healthy School Parties

Schools can play a major role in helping students become fit, healthy and ready to learn. One way to accomplish this is for foods offered in schools to support lessons learned in the classroom regarding nutrition and physical activity. What better venue than schools—which have a great impact on children—to support the message that proper nutrition and physical activity are a key part of a healthy lifestyle? Positive examples of making healthy eating choices and encouraging physical activity should be visible throughout the school. Parties as well as cafeterias, school stores, vending machines, and after-school events offer opportunities for schools to reinforce the message that making healthy food choices and being physically active means a healthier body and a sharper mind.

Snack Ideas for School & Classroom Parties

Of course, the foods offered at school parties should add to the fun, but try to avoid making them the main focus. Remember, schools are responsible for helping students learn lessons about good nutrition and healthy lifestyles and students should practice these lessons during school parties. For example, consider combining student birthday parties into one monthly event that incorporates physical activities as well as healthy snacks. Also, be sure to consider ethnic and medical food restrictions and allergies when providing classroom snacks.

Here is a list of healthy snack choices to consider for classroom events. Serving all healthy foods and incorporating physical activities make a powerful statement. Actions speak louder than words: Lead by example.

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| ◆ Fresh fruit and vegetables –
Buy locally when possible. | ◆ Baked chips |
| ◆ Yogurt | ◆ Lowfat popcorn |
| ◆ Bagels with lowfat cream cheese | ◆ Granola bars* |
| ◆ Baby carrots and other vegetables
with lowfat dip | ◆ Soft pretzels and mustard |
| ◆ Trail mix* | ◆ Pizza (no extra cheese and no more than one meat) |
| ◆ Nuts and seeds* | ◆ Pudding |
| ◆ Fig cookies | ◆ String cheese |
| ◆ Animal crackers | ◆ Cereal bar |
| ◆ Bal | ◆ Single-serve lowfat or fat free milk (regular or flavored) |
| | ◆ 100% fruit juice (small single-serves) |
| | ◆ Bottled water (including flavored water) |

*May be allergens and/or a choking risk for some people, please check with a health care provider.

Note: See "Recipes" in the Resources by Topic section.



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Smart Fundraisers for Today's Healthy Schools

Raising money may present a constant challenge for schools. School fundraisers may help pay for computers, field trips, athletics, music, art, and other programs that educate and enrich young lives – important programs that are not always covered by shrinking school budgets. More than just raising money to pay for valuable programs, a well-run fundraiser can also be an experience that educates, builds self-esteem, provides community service, and promotes school and community spirit.

Fundraising doesn't have to involve selling food items of limited nutritional value, such as candy. Following are web sites and fundraising ideas that offer alternatives to selling candy. When healthy food choices are used as fundraising items, the healthy eating message presented in the schools is reinforced. Some of the ideas even have the added benefit of providing additional physical activity opportunities for students.

Take a look and help your school select a creative fundraising alternative to selling foods of limited nutritional value.

Search the Web

Select a search engine and type in "school fundraisers" to access 112,000+ sites.

A few of these sites follow:

- **www.afrds.org/homeframe.html**
Association of Fund-Raising Distributors and Suppliers. Site includes a Toolbox with "Fundraising Fundamentals," a checklist for evaluating fundraising companies, and a resource on product fundraising issues and trends.
- **www.PTOtoday.com**
Lists fundraising activities by categories, has a "work vs. reward" equation, contains a parent sharing section on "what works, what doesn't and why."
- **www.fundraising-ideas.com**
Offers a free newsletter with programs, services, and press releases. Links to www.amazon.com with books on fundraising.



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Healthy Choices In All Venues

Recommendations for Serving Healthy Beverages

The following beverages are recommended:

- ◆ Plenty of water
- ◆ 100% juice in 12-ounce servings* or less
- ◆ Fat free, lowfat, plain and/or flavored milk in 16-ounce servings* or less
- ◆ Fruit/fruit juice smoothies in 16-ounce servings* or less

Choosing Your Drinks Can Be Difficult! Watch Out For:

- ◆ Fruit punches
- ◆ Fruit drinks
- ◆ Juice drinks

These are NOT 100% juice!

*Suggested serving-sizes are based on what is commonly available for use in vending machines. It should be noted that excessive juice consumption may result in an increase in calorie intake and may contribute to the development of unhealthy weight. It should also be noted that 70% of teen boys and 90% of teen girls do not meet daily calcium requirements. Offering fat free or lowfat single-serve milk is another opportunity to help teens meet their nutrition needs. (Refer to Healthy Food and Beverages Policy for additional rationale).

Read the label!
To determine if a food or beverage
meets the criteria, use the Nutrition
Facts label on the package.



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Michigan Physical Education and Activity Resources

Cross-Curricular Instruction: Integrating Physical Activity into Classroom subjects:

Cross-curricular integration of lessons will help students to see connections among the subject areas and provide opportunities for teachers to work together. Below are several ideas for integrating physical movement into various subject areas:

- Physical activity guides for elementary classroom teachers that integrate physical movement into classroom subjects; language arts, math, science and social studies.
 - Brain Breaks: www.emc.cmich.edu/BrainBreaks
 - Energizers: www.ncpe4me.com/energizers.html
 - Take Ten: www.take10.net
- Michigan Team Nutrition booklist: The list contains short, one-paragraph annotations for over 300 books about food, healthy eating, and physical activity for children in pre-school through third grade. www.tn.fcs.msue.msu.edu/booklist.html
 - Examples:
 - *Get Moving: Tips on Exercise*, Feeney, Kathy, Bridgestone Books, 2002.
 - *Let the Games Begin*, Ajmera, Maya and Michael J. Regan Charlesbridge, 2000.
- Display poster or banners with physical activity themes: www.nal.usda.gov/wicworks/Sharing_Center/KYactivitypyramid.pdf

Using Physical Activity to Reward Students

- Have an extra recess; Walk with a teacher during lunch; Dance to favorite music in the classroom; Hold Friday Physical Activity Time where students earn extra physical activity time based on their good behaviors during the week; and Challenge another homeroom to a sport or activity.

Ideas for School Parties

- Make your party a dance; Modify traditional games for classroom use; Hold contests or relays.

Resources:

- *All Children Exercising Simultaneously (ACES) day*: A one day event where millions of children of all ages exercise at the same time worldwide in a symbolic event of fitness and unity. www.michiganfitness.org
- *Hoops for Heart*: Engages student in playing basketball while learning the lifelong benefits of physical activity, volunteering, and fundraising. www.americanheart.org
- *Jump Rope for Heart*: Engages students in jumping rope while learning the lifelong benefits of physical activity, the seriousness of heart disease and stroke, volunteering and fundraising. www.americanheart.org/jump
- *National Physical Education & Sport Week*: Designated week for encouraging and promoting physical activity. www.aahperd.org/naspe/may
- *Walk to School Day/Safe Routes to School*: Join in the effort to promote walking to school as a way to provide an opportunity for more physical activity! www.michiganfitness.org/

Recess Before Lunch

Recess Before Lunch gives students the opportunity to excel in both health and academics. Find everything you need to establish a recess before lunch program including, how to implement, resources and supporting information, and educational and marketing materials. www.opi.state.mt.us/schoolfood/index.html

HSAT Module Topics

The HSAT (assessment and action plan) helps schools to assess and take positive action in these eight areas of their school health environment:

1. School Health Policies & Environment
2. Health Education
3. Physical Education & Other Physical Activity Programs
4. Nutrition (Food) Services
5. School Health Services
6. School Counseling, Psychological & Social Services
7. Health Promotion for Staff
8. Family & Community Involvement

The Healthy Schools-Healthy Students website also offers:

- General information and resources about ways to create a healthy school environment
- Links to policy documents and fact sheets to support efforts to create healthy school environments
- Resources to assist schools in completing the HSAT and in making positive changes to their school health environment.

"Schools can do more than perhaps any other single institution in society to help young people, and the adults they will become, live healthier, longer, more satisfying and more productive lives."
—Carnegie Council on Adolescent Development



The Healthy School Action Tool (HSAT)

<http://www.mihealthtools.org/schools>

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