The Board of Trustees of the Fremont Union High School District (FUHSD) recognizes the link between student health and learning and desires to provide a comprehensive program promoting healthy eating and physical activity for district students.

The Superintendent or designee shall coordinate and align district efforts to support student wellness through health education, physical education and activity, health services, nutrition services, psychological and counseling services, and a safe and healthy school environment. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies for promoting staff wellness and for involving parents/guardians and the community in reinforcing students' understanding and appreciation of the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

District Wellness Council

The Superintendent or designee shall encourage students, parents/guardians, classified and certificated staff members (including physical education teachers and mental health professionals), food service employees, school nurse specialist, school site and district administrators, Board members, and members of the public (could include community partners) to participate in the development, implementation, and periodic review and update of the district's student wellness policy. (42 USC 1758b; 7 CFR 210.30)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
The council shall assist with policy development and advise the district on health-related issues, activities, policies, and programs. As charged by the Superintendent, the Superintendent or designee facilitates the council whose duties includes but is not limited to planning and implementing activities to promote health within the school or community. The Superintendent or designee is charged with operational responsibility for ensuring that the school sites implement the adopted local wellness policy.

Goals for Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Other Wellness Activities

The Board shall adopt specific goals for nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, and other school-based activities that promote student wellness. In developing such goals, the Board shall review and consider evidence-based strategies and techniques. (42 USC 1758b; 7 CFR 210.30)

The district's nutrition education and physical education programs shall be based on research, shall be consistent with the expectations established in the state's curriculum frameworks and content standards, and shall be designed to build the skills and knowledge that all students need to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

The nutrition education program shall include, but is not limited to, information about the benefits of healthy eating for learning, disease prevention, weight management, and oral health. Nutrition education shall be provided as part of the health education program and, as appropriate, shall be integrated into other academic subjects in the regular educational program. All students shall be provided opportunities to be physically active on a regular basis. Opportunities for moderate to vigorous physical activity shall be provided through physical education, school athletic programs, extracurricular programs, before-and after-school programs, programs encouraging students to walk or bicycle to and from school, and other structured and unstructured activities.

The Board recognizes that a safe, positive school environment is also conducive to students' physical and mental health and thus prohibits bullying and harassment of all students, including bullying on the basis of weight or health condition.
The Superintendent or designee shall encourage staff to serve as positive role models for healthy eating and physical fitness. To encourage consistent health messages between the home and school environment, the superintendent or designee may disseminate health information to parents/guardians through district or school newsletters, handouts, parent/guardian meetings, the district or school web site, and other communications. Outreach to parents/guardians shall emphasize the relationship between student health and academic performance.

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Health Education:  A planned, sequential curriculum that addresses the physical, mental, emotional and social dimensions of health. The curriculum is designed to motivate and assist students to maintain and improve their health, prevent disease, and reduce health-related risk behaviors. It allows students to develop and demonstrate increasingly sophisticated health-related knowledge, attitudes, skills and practices.

Physical Education:  A planned, sequential curriculum that provides cognitive content and learning experiences in a variety of activity areas such as basic movement skills; physical fitness; rhythms and dance; games; team, dual, and individual sports; tumbling and gymnastics; and aquatics. Quality physical education should promote, through a variety of planned physical activities, each student's optimum physical, mental, emotional, and social development, and should promote activities and sports that all students enjoy and can pursue throughout their lives. Qualified, trained teachers teach physical activity.

Health Services:  Health Services are provided for students to appraise, protect, and promote health and are delivered in the context of promoting and maintaining individual, family, and community health. The goals of Health Services are to ensure access to primary health care services, to provide a system for dealing with crisis medical situations, to provide mandated screening and immunization monitoring and to provide a process for identification and resolution of students' health care needs that affect educational achievement.
The School Nurse Specialist acts as a liaison between the school sites and the community primary health care providers and specialists, local public health and social service agencies that provide services. Acute, chronic, episodic and emergency health care on each school site is supervised by a site administrator and provided by Health Support staff and/or administrators who are currently certified in CPR and First Aid and who have direct or electronic access to the School Nurse Specialist.

Counseling and Psychological Services: The district provides services to address students' mental, emotional, and social health. These services include individual and group assessments, interventions, and referrals. Organizational assessment and consultation skills of student advocates and school psychologists contribute not only to the health of students but also to the health of the school environment. Professionals such as certified school counselors, psychologists, licensed marriage and family therapists and social workers provide these services.

Family/Community Involvement: The District Wellness Council will be responsible for the ongoing implementation and oversight of the wellness policy. The district in collaboration with school sites will actively solicit parent involvement and engage community resources and services to respond more effectively to the health-related needs of students.

Nutrition Guidelines for Foods Available at School

For all foods and beverages available on each campus during the school day, the district shall adopt nutrition guidelines which are consistent with 42 USC 1758, 1766, 1773, and 1779 and federal regulations and which support the objectives of promoting student health and reducing childhood obesity. (42 USC 1758b)

In order to maximize the district's ability to provide nutritious meals and snacks, all district schools shall participate in available federal school nutrition programs, including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs and after-school snack programs, to the extent possible. When approved by the California Department of Education, the district may sponsor a summer meal program.

(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)
(cf. 3552 - Summer Meal Program)
(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)
(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)
(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)
(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide access to free, potable water in the food service area during meal times in accordance with Education Code 38086 and 42 USC 1758, and shall encourage students' consumption of water by educating them about the health benefits of water and by serving water in an appealing manner.

The Board believes that all foods and beverages sold to students at district schools, including those available outside the district's reimbursable food services program, should support the
health curriculum and promote optimal health. Nutrition standards adopted by the district for foods and beverages provided through student stores, vending machines, or other venues shall meet or exceed state and federal nutrition standards.

(cf. 3312 - Contracts)
(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)

The Superintendent or designee shall encourage school organizations to use healthy food items or non-food items for fundraising purposes. He/she also shall encourage school staff to avoid the use of non-nutritious food as a reward for students' academic performance, accomplishments, or classroom behavior. The District Wellness Council will coordinate with the Inter-District Council to encourage healthy food options for club events and student activities. School staff shall encourage parent/guardians or other volunteers to support the district's nutrition education program by considering nutritional quality when selecting any snacks which they may donate for occasional class parties. Class parties, celebrations and events shall be held after the lunch period when possible.

To reinforce the district's nutrition education program, the Board prohibits the marketing and advertising of foods and beverages that do not meet nutrition standards for the sale of foods and beverages on campus during the school day. (7 CFR 210.30)

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

Program Implementation and Evaluation

The Superintendent designates the individual(s) identified below as the individual(s) responsible for ensuring that each school site complies with the district's wellness policy. (42 USC 1758b; 7 CFR 210.30)

Trudy Gross, Assistant Superintendent, Teaching and Learning
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(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)

The Superintendent or designee shall assess the implementation and effectiveness of this policy at least once every three years. (42 USC 1758b; 7 CFR 210.30)

The assessment shall include the extent to which district schools are in compliance with this policy, the extent to which this policy compares to model wellness policies available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and a description of the progress made in attaining the goals of the wellness policy. (42 USC 1758b)

The Superintendent or designee shall invite feedback on district and school wellness activities from food service personnel, school administrators, the wellness council, parents/guardians,
students, teachers, before- and after-school program staff, and/or other appropriate persons.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall prepare and maintain the proper documentation and records needed for the administrative review of the district's wellness policy conducted by the California Department of Education (CDE) every three years.

The assessment results of both the district and state evaluations shall be submitted to the Board for the purposes of evaluating policy and practice, recognizing accomplishments, and making policy adjustments as needed to focus district resources and efforts on actions that are most likely to make a positive impact on student health and achievement.

Notifications

The Superintendent or designee shall inform the public about the content and implementation of the district's wellness policy and shall make the policy, and any updates to the policy, available to the public on an annual basis. He/she shall also inform the public of the district's progress towards meeting the goals of the wellness policy, including the availability of the triennial district assessment. (Education Code 49432; 42 USC 1758b; 7 CFR 210.30)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The Superintendent or designee shall distribute this information through the most effective methods of communication, including district or school newsletters, handouts, parent/guardian meetings, district and school web sites, and other communications. Outreach to parents/guardians shall emphasize the relationship between student health and wellness and academic performance.

(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)
(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)
(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)
(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

Records

The Superintendent or designee shall retain records that document compliance with 7 CFR 210.30, including, but not limited to, the written student wellness policy, documentation of the triennial assessment of the wellness policy for each school site, and documentation demonstrating compliance with the community involvement requirements, including requirements to make the policy and assessment results available to the public. (7 CFR 210.30)

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49550-49562 Meals for needy students
49565-49565.8 California Fresh Start pilot program
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51210.1-51210.2 Physical education, grades 1-6
51210.4 Nutrition education
51220 Course of study, grades 7-12
51222 Physical education
51223 Physical education, elementary schools
51795-51798 School instructional gardens
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15500-15501 Food sales by student organizations
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1751-1769j National School Lunch Program, especially:
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