

Wellness Policy Update 2022-23

Each year the wellness committee meets to assess the progress and fine-tune the goals of the district wellness policy. In a continued effort to provide a consistent message for the health of our students, the wellness committee has approved the following wellness plan for 2022-2023.

Nutrition:

- District will have no carbonated sodas or energy drinks available to students (a la carte, vending, school stores, fundraising).
- All schools will follow the 'Smart Snacks in Schools' guidelines for a la carte, vending and fundraising items.
- All schools will allow and encourage students to have individual water bottles in the classroom.
- Building administrators will encourage non-food rewards, incentives, parties, and celebrations. Teachers and parents are provided with information on healthy options for classroom rewards, incentives, parties and celebrations.
- All food/beverage items provided to students must be labeled by the manufacturer. Fresh fruits/vegetables do not need a label.
- No foods or beverages will be provided/sold in competition with food service during the meal serving times. In addition, food cannot be ordered for delivery to the school during the school day for student consumption.
- Food Services will provide nutrition education materials through the district website at <http://www.smsd.org>.
- Food Services will work with schools to evaluate and increase participation in the After School Snack and Meal Program.
- Food service staff will use positive communication cues with students to promote consumption of foods served as part of Child Nutrition Programs.
- Encourage schools to allow students to have at least 20 minutes 'seat time' to eat lunch not including time spent walking to/from class or waiting in line.

Nutrition Promotion and Education:

- PTA and schools will be encouraged to provide nutrition education to students through a variety of activities involving the development of healthy eating.
- Schools will be encouraged to explore grant opportunities from different organizations to support healthy education.
- The Curriculum and Instruction Department will educate staff on healthy eating options and ways to integrate nutrition education into instruction (example: including healthier recipes when food is prepared by students in FACS classes).
- Schools will encourage staff to discuss with students the nutrition education materials displayed in the dining areas.
- Schools will be encouraged to have at least one school-wide interactive event that is either centered on nutrition or contains nutrition as a main component. (Go Healthy Challenge, Health Fairs, Family Night, Body Venture)
- District wellbeing coordinator will offer opportunities to staff on healthy lifestyle options.
- District will allow 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.
- The Health Services Department and Wellbeing Coordinator will provide resources for marketing and advertising of nutritious foods and beverages to students. This will be implemented consistently through a comprehensive and multi-channel approach by school staff, teachers, parents, students and the community.

Physical Activity:

- The Curriculum and Instruction Department will provide information to schools to increase awareness of brain based research of physical activity.
- Building staff will be encouraged to create opportunities for periodic movement in the classroom and throughout the school day.
- District will continue to offer intramurals at middle schools.
- The Wellbeing Coordinator, Health Service Director, and Sustainability Coordinator will communicate with cities to complete an assessment on walking and/or biking to school to determine safety and feasibility (Safe routes to school).

Integrated School Based Wellness:

- E-Cigarette and vaping information will be provided to building administrators, staff, students, and parents.
- Health Services Director and Wellness Coordinator will work collaboratively to implement CDC's 'Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child' initiative.
- The wellness committee is part of a district wellbeing team that meets at least annually.

Staff Wellness:

- The District Wellbeing Coordinator will work closely with the district wellbeing committee and leadership to create and implement programming to encompass all domains of wellbeing: physical, emotional, financial, career and community.

- The District Wellbeing Coordinator will work closely with the building administrator or wellbeing champion to plan and implement building wellness initiatives.
- District offers a free and confidential [Employee Assistance Program](#) to all district employees and their household members.
- District has a state of the art on-site [fitness center](#) in the CAA building that is offered free of charge to all district employees and their spouses and dependents 16 years of age and older. Fitness Center is staffed with qualified fitness professionals.
- [PriorityOne Health Center](#), operated by Marathon Health, serves the Shawnee Mission School District and their families by providing convenient and affordable access to quality health care, offering acute care, preventive care, chronic condition management, health coaching and behavioral health therapy.

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