

Student Welfare and Wellness

The health and safety of pupils shall be a priority consideration in all Board decisions.

The Washington County Board of Educations is committed to providing school environments that promote and protect student health, well-being, and ability to learn by supporting healthy eating and physical activity. To this end, the Board supports school efforts to implement the following:

- To the maximum extent practicable, schools will participate in available federal school meal programs. Free and reduced meal applications and menus are available at www.washington.kyschools.us.
- Schools will provide and promote nutrition education and physical education to foster lifelong habits of healthy eating and physical activity and will establish linkages between health education, school meal programs, and related community services.
- All schools containing grades K-5 or any combination thereof, shall develop and implement an individual wellness policy per [KRS 160.345](#) and Board Policy 02.4241.

WELLNESS LEADERSHIP

The Superintendent will direct District officials (“wellness leadership group”) to track compliance with this and related policies. At the school level, the Principal will track compliance with those policies in his/her school and will report on the school's compliance as directed by the Superintendent/designee.

The wellness leadership group shall work to encourage and support all students to be physically active on a regular basis as provided by school/council policy. Each school shall review and consider evidence-based strategies to set measurable goals in providing nutrition education and engaging in nutrition promotion to positively influence lifelong eating behaviors.

To achieve the goals:

- offer as part of not only health education classes, but also integrated into classroom instruction;
- include enjoyable, developmentally-appropriate opportunities such as contests, promotions, and encourage to start each day with a healthy breakfast;
- emphasize caloric balance between food intake and energy expenditure (physical activity/exercise);
- link with school meal programs, other school foods, and nutrition-related community services; and
- Provide food service personnel adequate pre-service training in food service operations.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Each school council of a school containing grades K-5 or any combination thereof, or if there is no school council, the Principal, shall develop and implement a wellness policy that includes moderate to vigorous physical activity each day and encourages healthy choices among students consistent with [KRS 160.345](#) and Board Policy 02.4241 such as the following;

- physical education will be an environment where students learn, practice and are assessed on developmentally appropriate motor skills, social skills, and knowledge;

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PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

- physical activity facilities on school grounds meet safety requirements;
- teachers are encouraged to incorporate physical activity as much as possible into subject areas;
- physical and social environment are provided that encourages safe and enjoyable activity for all students; and
- depriving students of physical activity as a consequence for behavior or academic performance is discouraged.

The policy may permit physical activity to be considered part of the instructional day, (not to exceed thirty (30) minutes/day or 150 minutes/week) and also in compliance with the school calendar regulation, [702 KAR 007:140](#) and Board Policy 08.1346.

DISTRICT WELLNESS PLAN/PUBLIC AND STAFF INPUT

The District shall actively seek to engage students, parents, physical and/or health education teachers, school food service professionals, school health professionals, school administrators, and other interested community members in developing, implementing, monitoring, and reviewing this Policy and in providing input on the District Wellness Plan.

The District shall permit community participation in the student wellness process by:

- Making a nutrition and physical activity report to be prepared by the School Nutrition Director available to the public on the District website no later than sixty (60) days prior to the public forum covered in [KRS 158.156](#). ([702 KAR 006:090](#))
- Discussing the findings of the nutrition report and physical activity report and seeking public comments during a publicly advertised special Board meeting or at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting following the release of the nutrition and physical activity reports.
- Holding an advertised public forum by January 31 of each year, to present a plan to improve the school nutrition and physical activities in the District in accordance with [KRS 158.856](#).

The Superintendent shall submit the wellness plan that includes a summary of the findings and recommendations of the nutrition and physical activity report as required by May 1 of each year to the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE).

The Wellness Plan submitted to KDE shall include within the findings and recommendations the following:

1. Extent to which the District is in compliance with this Policy;
2. Will use an assessment tool to compare how the District measures up to model wellness policies; and
3. A description of the measurable progress made towards reaching goals of the District wellness policy and addressing any gaps identified in the wellness report for the previous year.

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RECORDKEEPING

The District and each school in the District shall maintain the following records:

- A copy of the written wellness policy or plan;
- Documentation on how the policy and assessments are made available to the public;
- The most recent assessment of implementation of the policy;
- Documentation of efforts to review and update the policy, including who was involved in the process and how stakeholders were made aware of their ability to participate; and
- Documentation demonstrating compliance with annual public notification requirements and annual reporting to the KDE.

STANDARDS AND NUTRITION GUIDELINES FOR ALL FOODS AND BEVERAGES

Foods and beverages sold during the school day (vending, ala carte, snack carts) shall be done in accordance with state and federal regulations and Board Policies 07.111 and 07.12.

Potable water will be available for students at meal times.

Fruits, vegetables, whole grain products, low-fat and fat-free dairy products, healthy food preparation methods, and health-enhancing nutrition practices will be promoted.

STANDARDS FOR ALL FOODS AND BEVERAGES SOLD TO STUDENTS

Foods and beverages sold or served at school shall be consistent with the state and federal regulations for school meal nutrition standards. Nutrition guidelines for all foods and beverages served or sold on campus shall be maintained by the Superintendent/designee and made available upon request. The Superintendent shall designate an individual or individuals to monitor compliance of beverages and food sold ala carte with state and federal nutrition requirements.

Qualified child nutrition professionals will provide students with access to a variety of affordable, nutritious, and appealing foods that meet the health and nutrition needs of students and will provide clean, safe, and pleasant settings and adequate time for students to eat.

STANDARDS FOR ALL FOODS AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED BUT NOT SOLD TO STUDENTS

- When possible, rewards given to students shall be other than food/beverage items. When food/beverage items are used as rewards, such items shall comply with nutritional guidelines set out in [7 C.F.R 210.11](#) and [702 KAR 6:090. KAR 006:090. Foods and beverages.](#)
- Foods and beverages provided in school, but not made available for sale, shall meet standards outlined in the schools' individual wellness plan (if applicable) and will not conflict with District Policy.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE MARKETING

All marketing on the school campus during the school day shall be of only those foods and beverages that meet the nutrition standards of the Smart Snack in School Nutrition Standards (7 C.F.R 210.11 and [702 KAR 006:090](#)).

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REFERENCES:

[KRS 158.850](#); [KRS 158.854](#)

[KRS 160.290](#); [KRS 160.345](#)

[702 KAR 006:090](#)

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7 C.F.R. Part 210

7 C.F.R. Part 220

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture's Dietary Guidelines for Americans

RELATED POLICIES:

02.4241; 07.1; 07.111; 07.12; 08.1346

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