

FFA (LOCAL): YES Prep Public Schools, Inc., 00496 WELLNESS POLICY

The District shall support the general wellness of all students by implementing measurable goals to promote sound nutrition and student health and to reduce childhood obesity. All students will have equitable access to healthy meals, physical activity, and Nutritional education.

DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, AND REVIEW OF GUIDELINES AND GOALS

The local School Wellness Council (SWC), on behalf of the District, shall review and consider evidence-based strategies and techniques and shall develop nutrition guidelines and wellness goals as required by law. In the development, implementation, and review of these guidelines and goals, the SWC shall permit participation by parents, students, representatives of the District's food service provider, physical education teachers, school health professionals, members of the Board, school administrators, staff, and members of the public.

WELLNESS PLAN

The School Wellness Council shall develop a wellness plan to implement the District's nutrition guidelines and wellness goals.

The wellness plan shall, at a minimum, address:

1. Strategies for soliciting involvement by and input from persons interested in the wellness plan and policy;
2. Objectives, benchmarks, and activities for implementing the wellness goals;
3. Methods for measuring implementation of the wellness goals;
4. The District's standards for foods and beverages provided, but not sold, to students during the school day on a school campus;
5. The District's standards for foods and beverages sold to students during the school day on a school campus;
6. The manner of communicating to the public applicable information about the District's wellness policy and plan.

The School Wellness Council shall review and revise the plan on a regular basis and recommend revisions to the wellness policy when necessary.

NUTRITION GUIDELINES:

The District's nutrition guidelines for reimbursable school meals and all other foods and beverages sold or marketed to students during the school day shall be designed to promote student health and reduce childhood obesity. All meals shall be at least as restrictive as federal regulations and guidance, and that all food available on campus in accordance with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Smart Snacks and school standards.

Nutrition Guidelines: Foods and Beverages Provided

The District shall establish standards for all foods and beverages provided, but not sold, to students during the school day. These standards shall be addressed in the District's wellness plan.

Nutrition Guidelines: Foods and Beverages Sold

The District shall establish standards for all foods and beverages sold to students during the school day. These standards shall be addressed in the District's wellness plan.

WELLNESS GOALS: NUTRITION PROMOTION AND EDUCATION

The District shall implement, in accordance with law, a coordinated school health program with a nutrition education component. The District's nutrition promotion activities shall encourage participation in the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, and any other supplemental food and nutrition programs offered by the District.

The District establishes the following goals for nutrition promotion:

1. The District's food service staff, teachers, and other District personnel shall consistently promote healthy nutrition messages in cafeterias, classrooms, and other appropriate settings.
2. The District shall share educational nutrition information with families and the general public to promote healthy nutrition choices and positively influence the health of students.

The District establishes the following goals for nutrition education:

1. The District shall deliver nutrition education that fosters the adoption and maintenance of healthy eating behaviors.
2. The District shall participate in community initiatives to promote healthy eating for our students from community stakeholders.

WELLNESS GOALS: PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

The District shall implement, in accordance with law, a coordinated health program with physical education and physical activity components and shall offer at least the required amount of physical activity for all grades.

The District establishes the following goals for physical activity:

1. The District shall provide an environment that fosters safe, enjoyable, and developmentally appropriate fitness activities for all students, including those who are not participating in physical education classes or competitive sports through programming during school as well as before, or after school.
2. The District shall make appropriate before-school and after-school physical activity programs available and shall encourage students to participate.

OTHER SCHOOL-BASED ACTIVITIES

The District establishes the following goals to create an environment conducive to healthful eating and physical activity and to promote and express a consistent wellness message through other school-based activities:

1. The District shall allow sufficient time for students to eat meals in cafeteria facilities that are clean, safe, and comfortable.
2. The District shall promote student wellness (health, mental, behavioral, emotional, and social) at suitable district and campus activities for students, parents, staff, and community members.

IMPLEMENTATION

The Child Nutrition Director shall oversee the implementation of this policy and the development and implementation of the wellness plan and appropriate administrative procedures.

EVALUATION

The District shall comply with federal requirements for evaluating this policy and the wellness plan.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

The District shall annually inform and update the public about the content and implementation of the wellness policy, including posting on its website the wellness policy, the wellness plan, and the required implementation assessment.

RECORDS RETENTION

The District shall retain all required records associated with the wellness policy, in accordance with law and the District's records management program.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Board Approved May 11, 2023

