



Book	Charles R. Drew Charter School Board of Directors Policies
Section	Facilities and Grounds
Title	Wellness Policy
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The Board of Directors for Drew Charter School, Inc. promotes student success and healthy schools by supporting wellness, good nutrition, and regular physical activity as a part of the total learning environment. Improved health optimizes student academic performance potential and supports student achievement. In support of the health and welfare of each student at Drew Charter School, the Board seeks to provide for a healthful nutrition program that meets federal standards and features foods from local sources to the greatest extent possible.

In order to participate in federally assisted feeding programs like the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), Charles R. Drew Charter School ("Drew Charter School") is required to become a School Food Authority (SFA). In turn, these programs allow Drew Charter School to provide nutritionally balanced, low-cost, or no-cost breakfast, lunch, and snack to students every day by providing meal reimbursements. The Georgia Department of Health administers these programs locally on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), through agreements with local School Food Authorities. As an SFA, Drew Charter School will be required to meet federal and state eligibility requirements, one of which is maintaining a School Wellness Policy that is reviewed and approved every three years. Therefore, in order to establish and maintain eligibility for these programs, it is necessary for Drew Charter School to adopt a Wellness Policy that includes the following components:

- Maintenance of a School Level Coordinated School Wellness Council
- Compliance with Standards for USDA Child Nutrition Programs & School Meals (in the following areas)
  - Standards for USDA Child Nutrition Programs and School Meals
  - Nutrition Standards for Competitive and Other Food and Beverages
  - Physical Activity & Physical Education
  - Other Activities that Promote Student Wellness
  - Evaluation of Wellness Policy

Each of these seven components has corresponding administrative regulations to be carried out by respective school staff. The Board of Directors authorizes the Head of School to develop the administrative procedures corresponding to these standards and carry out those procedures to ensure that all state and federal requirements are met related to this policy.