

Wellness Policy Mission Statement:

Galveston ISD shall encourage and support student health through eating, nutrition education, physical activity, and other school-based activities. The district shall promote nutritional USDA guidelines and implement wellness goals in consultation with the local School Health Advisory Council and involvement from the student body, Child Nutrition, school administration, the board, parents, and the public.

Needs Improvement - No plan/evidence that the indicator listed is present or followed; School does not meet state requirements for the indicator listed.

Acceptable-A minimal plan/minimal evidence that the indicator listed is present or followed; School meets the minimum state requirements for indicator listed.

Exceptional - The plan/evidence exceeds the indicator listed. The school goes beyond the minimum state requirements for the indicator listed.

Component 1: Nutrition Guidelines				
Person Responsible: Child Nutrition Director				
Goals	Exceptional	Acceptable	Needs Improvement	Measure of Success
A. The district shall ensure that there is no excessive advertisement of foods of minimal nutritional value (FMNV) during the school day in competition with school meals.	✓			The Child Nutrition Department keeps records of all a la carte sales and all meet USDA Smart Snack Regulations. Other fundraisers may not exceed six days per school year and must be reported to GISD's Child Nutrition Director.
B. The district food service staff should promote healthy nutrition messages in the cafeteria, classroom, and appropriate places.	✓			The cafeterias are decorated to promote healthy foods such as fruits and vegetables and food service staff offers a variety of foods daily. To encourage student participation taste testing with nutrition education is done routinely to help plan healthy menus across all campuses.
C. The district serves reimbursable meals that meet the required USDA standards.	✓			Menus are planned by the child nutrition department to meet USDA guidelines. Nutrition information is made available to our customers via the district website through interactive menus.

Component 2: Nutrition Education				
Person Responsible: Child Nutrition Director				
Goals	Exceptional	Acceptable	Needs Improvement	Measure of Success
A. The district shall make nutrition education accessible to families and the general public to promote healthy nutrition choices and habits.	✓			Nutrition information is made available to our customers via the district website through interactive menus. The child nutrition displays healthy eating messages and information to promote healthy choices.
B. The district shall integrate nutrition education in other areas of the curriculum, as appropriate.		✓		CATCH curriculum is used to teach nutrition education.
C. The district shall present nutrition education in participatory activities such as but not limited to promotions, taste testing, and school gardens.		✓		Child nutrition promotes and introduces innovative healthy choices to promote student participation in school meals through taste testing and school gardens. One a month vegetable from the school gardens is cooked at the elementary level by foodservice staff to introduce kid friendly ways to eat vegetables. Students are taught about the vegetables they are eating from the garden process to the time of consumption.
D. The district shall provide professional development so that staff delivering nutrition education are trained and can offer an effective program.	✓			All food service staff, PE and health teachers participate in appropriate training and are recorded in professional development standards.

Component 3: Physical Activity				
Person Responsible: PE & Health Coordinator				
Goals	Exceptional	Acceptable	Needs Improvement	Measure of Success
A. The district shall provide a safe environment to support developmentally appropriate physical activities for all students. Including participation in regular period of active free play (recess).		✓		The district offers 20-30 minutes of recess. Recess is unstructured playtime that is not used to replace any form of physical education. Campuses provide proper supervision and equipment that ensures the safety of all students.
B. Time allotted for physical activity will be in accordance with research and state standards.	✓			Students enrolled in a PE or PE equivalent class meet the state mandated credit and time requirements.
C. The district shall provide appropriate before-school and after-school programs and encourage student participation.	✓			Schools give students a range of physical activity opportunities before and after school through physical activity clubs, athletics, and intramural sports.
D. Schools will implement physical activities from the CATCH curriculum for students Kindergarten through grade 8.		✓		The CATCH curriculum is implemented by k-8 PE teachers.
E. Schools will encourage parents to support their children's participation in physical activity, to be active role models, and to include physical activity in family events.		✓		The district offers family events that engages families in physical activities such as community fun runs.
F. The district shall make appropriate training activities to district employees to promote enjoyable, lifelong physical activity and wellness.		✓		The district encourages staff wellness through staff challenges shared district wide.

Component 4: Other School Based Activities				
Person Responsible: PE & Health Coordinator				
Goals	Exceptional	Acceptable	Needs Improvement	Measure of Success
A. The district shall ensure that adequate time is allotted for students to enjoy healthy meals in the school's clean, safe, and comfortable cafeteria.	✓			All lunch periods are 30minutes long and HACCP logs are kept up to date by foodservice staff.
B. The district shall promote wellness for students and families at suitable campus activities.	✓			Child Nutrition offers the supper program at schools participating in afterschool activities and clubs. All meals offered in the supper program meet USDA guidelines.
C. The district shall promote wellness activities and involvement for employees at suitable district and campus activities.		✓		The district provides information about self-care and wellness opportunities in the community.

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