

D0232 - DeSoto

Middle School Wellness Policies

D0232 - DeSoto is committed to providing school environments that promote and protect children's health, well-being and ability to learn by supporting healthy eating, nutrition education, physical activity and integrated school based wellness. Therefore, it is the policy of D0232 - DeSoto that:

Policies in Place

Nutrition

General Guidelines

All school food service personnel receive required food safety training at a minimum of every 5 years. Continuing education training for all food service personnel meets federal and state requirements.

The dining area has seating to accommodate all students during each serving period.

The food service area is clean, orderly, and has an inviting atmosphere that encourages meal consumption.

The dining area has adequate adult supervision.

The dining area has food service personnel and supervisory staff use positive communication cues with students to promote consumption of foods served as part of Child Nutrition Programs.

The dining area had adults model healthy eating in the dining areas and encourage students to taste new and/or unfamiliar foods.

The students are allowed to converse with one another at least part of the meal time.

Mealtime conversation is not prohibited for the entire meal time as disciplinary action.

The students are allowed to converse during the entirety of the meal time.

Reimbursable meals and/or parts of a reimbursable meal are not withheld or denied as a disciplinary action.

Students are not being disciplined by separating from other students in the dining area.

Students are not being disciplined by being seated in a separate location.

Content of reimbursable lunch and breakfast is identified near or at the beginning of the serving line(s).

One or more Kansas food products served as a part of the school meals program and identified at the beginning of the serving line each week.

Breakfast

All school breakfasts comply with [USDA regulations](#) and [state policies](#).

At least three different fruits are offered each week on three different days. At least one fruit per week is served fresh.

Students have the opportunity to eat breakfast.

District offers at least 15 minutes "seat time" to eat breakfast (not including time spent walking to and from class or waiting in line) or Grab n Go breakfast options are available.

Lunch

All school lunches comply with [USDA regulations](#) and [state policies](#).

At least three different fruits are offered each week. Two fruits per week are served fresh.

One additional 1/2 cup* vegetable offering weekly from any of three vegetable subgroups (dark-green, red/orange, dry beans and peas).

Nutrition

Lunch

At least five different fruits are offered each week. Four fruits per week are served fresh.

An additional 1 cup* vegetable offering weekly from any of three vegetable subgroups (dark-green, red/orange, dry beans and peas).

Students have at least 15 minutes "seat time" to eat lunch not including time spent walking to/from class or waiting in line.

Students have at least 20 minutes "seat time" to eat lunch not including time spent walking to/from class or waiting in line.

All Food Sold in Schools

All food and beverages are in compliance with [USDA's Smart Snacks in School "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards](#) from the midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day.

No energy drinks are sold on school property from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day.

[USDA's Smart Snacks in School Beverage Standards](#) for middle schools apply to high school (only 100% juice, water, milk).

Fundraising within the school day meets [USDA's Smart Snacks in School "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards](#) (sans the exempted fundraisers).

Other Child Nutrition Programs

[Meals and snacks served under the USDA At-Risk Afterschool Meals, Afterschool Care Snack Program, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program and/or Summer Food Service Program comply with all federal regulations and state policies.](#)

Participate in one of four programs. (At-Risk Afterschool Meals, Afterschool Care Snack Program, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program or Summer Food Service Program)

Participate in two of the four programs. (At-Risk Afterschool Meals, Afterschool Care Snack Program, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program, or Summer Food Service Program)

During the School Day

Students have access to free drinking water throughout the school day, including during meal service. Hygiene standards for all methods delivering drinking water will be maintained.

Students are allowed to have clear/translucent individual water bottles in the classroom where appropriate.

District develops nutritional standards for non-sold food and beverages made available on school campus during the school day.

Schools provide staff information on non-food rewards.

Nutrition Education

Nutrition Promotion

Students provide input on foods offered in the cafeteria.

District promotes participation in the [National School Lunch Program \(NSLP\)](#) and [School Breakfast Program \(SBP\)](#) if applicable and to choose nutritious foods and beverages throughout the day. Menus are posted on school website and/or distributed to families via another method.

District allows 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](#) (Schools are not required to allow food or beverage marketing on campus).

Nutrition Education

All students in grades K-12 will have the opportunity to participate in culturally relevant participatory activities, as appropriate, and a variety of learning experiences that support development of healthful eating habits that are based on the most recent [Dietary Guidelines for Americans](#) and evidence-based information.

Nutrition Education

Nutrition Education

District administrators inform teachers and other school personnel about opportunities to participate in professional development on nutrition and teaching nutrition.

The Wellness Committee, teachers and other school personnel participate in nutrition education-related professional development at least once a year.

Include nutrition education as part of physical education/health education classes and/or stand-alone courses for all grade levels, including curricula that promote skill development.

District uses qualified personnel or organizations from the community to provide nutrition education to students under the direct supervision of a teacher at least once/year.

Include nutrition and health posters, signage, or displays in the cafeteria food service and dining areas that are rotated, updated or changed quarterly.

Physical Activity

General Guidelines

All students in grades K - 12 have the opportunity to participate in moderate to vigorous physical activity at least 2 times per week during the entire school year.

District prohibits the use of physical activity as a punishment. District prohibit withholding physical activity, including recess and physical education, as punishment.

Throughout the Day

Structured physical activity opportunities, in addition to physical education and recess (where applicable), are encouraged for all students.

Physical Education

Physical education is taught by teachers licensed by the Kansas State Department of Education.

Physical education teachers are licensed and participate in physical education and/or physical activity specific professional development every 2 years.

Physical education teachers are licensed and have advanced certification and/or education.

The physical education curriculum is sequential and consistent with Kansas State Board of Education approved physical education teaching standards for pre-kindergarten through grade 12.

Physical Education teaches basic motor skills, enhances knowledge of concepts related to movement needed to achieve and maintain health for lifetime physical activity.

District offers lifetime sports and fitness classes/opportunities.

Middle school students are offered physical education at all grade levels and receive 120-149 minutes of physical education per week, which includes at least 80 minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity activity.

Middle school students are offered physical education at all grade levels and receive 90-119 minutes of physical education per week, which includes at least 50% of the minutes engaged in moderate to vigorous intensity activity.

Middle school students are offered physical education at all grade levels and receive 150+ minutes of physical education per week, which includes at least 100 minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity activity.

Before & After School

Extracurricular physical activity programs, such as a physical activity club or intramural programs, are offered.

Extracurricular physical activity programs, such as a physical activity club or intramural programs, are offered, with input from students, and meet the needs, interest and abilities of a diverse student body.

Extracurricular physical activity programs, such as a physical activity club or intramural programs, are offered through partnerships with community organizations and resources.

Physical Activity

Family & Community

Community members are provided access to the district's outdoor physical activity facilities.

Integrated School Based Wellness

General Guidelines

The school wellness committee makes appropriate updates or modification to wellness policy based on assessment and an update on the progress toward meeting the State Model Wellness Policy is made available to the public, including parents, students and the community.

Annual staff wellness activities and/or professional development opportunities related to nutrition, physical activity, mental health, and abstaining from tobacco and e-cigarettes are provided to encourage school staff to serve as healthy role models. Staff wellness activities and training may also include additional components of the [Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Model](#) .

Each semester provide staff wellness activities and/or professional development opportunities related to nutrition, physical activity, mental health, and abstaining from tobacco and e-cigarettes are provided to encourage school staff to serve as healthy role models. Staff wellness activities and training may also include additional components of the [Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Model](#) .

Each quarter provide staff wellness activities and/or professional development opportunities related to nutrition, physical activity, mental health, and abstaining from tobacco and e-cigarettes are provided to encourage school staff to serve as healthy role models. Staff wellness activities and training may also include additional components of the [Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Model](#) .

Annually partner with local health agencies and community organizations.

Each semester, partner with local health agencies and community organizations.

Quarterly, partner with local health agencies and community organizations.

The local school wellness policy committee meets at least twice per year.

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Middle School Wellness Policies

The following Wellness Policies are in the process of being developed:

Developing Policies

Nutrition

General Guidelines

Two or more Kansas products served as a part of the school meals program and identified at the beginning of the serving line each week.

Breakfast

At least five different fruits are offered each week. At least two fruits per week are to be served fresh.

District has implemented alternative 2nd Chance Breakfast service options. "Breakfast in the Classroom" or "Breakfast After First Period" is available.

During the School Day

Schools begin incorporating non-food rewards.

Nutrition Education

Nutrition Promotion

Students learn about the nutrition requirements for school meals and some students are involved in helping plan menus annually.

District implements marketing and advertising of nutritious foods and beverages consistently through a comprehensive and multi-channel approach by school staff, teachers, parents and students .

Nutrition Education

Include nutrition and health posters, signage, or displays in the cafeteria food service and dining areas, classrooms, hallways, gymnasium, and/or bulletin boards that are rotated, updated or changed quarterly.

Offer information to families at least once per semester that encourages them to teach their children about health, nutrition and agriculture education and assists them in planning nutritious meals for their families.

Offer information to families at least once per quarter that encourages them to teach their children about health, nutrition, and agriculture education and assists them in planning nutritious meals for their families.

Offer information to families at least once per month that encourages them to teach their children about health, nutrition, and agriculture education and assists them in planning nutritious meals for their families.

Physical Activity

General Guidelines

District encourages extra physical activity time as an option for classroom rewards.

Physical Activity

Throughout the Day

Professional development on integrating physical activity into core/non-core subjects is provided to licensed physical education teachers, school nurses, and building administrators.

Family & Community

Offer information via multiple channels at least once per semester to all families that encourages them to teach their children about physical activity, and assists them in planning physical activity for their families.

Integrated School Based Wellness

General Guidelines

The wellness policy assessment and progress toward meeting the State Model Wellness Policy are presented to school and district staff.

District Wellness Committee will discuss the development of a [farm to school program](#).

Each semester, culturally relevant health education information is provided to families via handouts, postings on the school website, newsletters, presentations and workshops.

The following students, parents, classroom teachers, food service professionals, physical education teachers, health professionals, administrators, school board members and other interested community members are engaged in developing, implementing, monitoring, reviewing and making the district wide wellness policies available to the public:

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